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WEEQUAHIC HIGH SCHOOL
279 CHANCELLOR AVENUE
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

JOHN TONERO, INTERIM PRINCIPAL







MY MESSAGE TO YOU



To the Class Of 2009,

I have had the honor and pleasure of serving as your Principal during your final year in the Newark Public Schools. You have distinguished yourselves as a proud and successful group of individuals, and as alumni you will make the Weequahic High School Family proud for many, many years to come.

This is a pivotal year in your life. It is a year during which you will reflect upon all that you have earned and experienced and begin making decisions that will affect your life's course for many years to come. It is a time to celebrate your accomplishments and recognize yourselves as unique and intelligent individuals, who possess a multitude of talents. This is a wonderful and exciting period in your life when you will begin to embrace a plan that will enable you to find your place in this great society.

We all have a desire to be successful and to become recognized for our accomplishments. You may aspire to become a doctor or a lawyer, a stockbroker or retail merchant, a teacher, social worker or politician, a carpenter or a plumber, and some of you may enter the ministry. Most of you will become proud parents and will enjoy seeing your own children grow up. However, what people will remember most about you is the person that you were and the person who they interacted with here at Weequahic.

God bless all of you and remain close to your friends in the Weequahic Family.

Sincerely,

Mr. John Tonero Interim Principal

OUR MESSAGES TO YOU



Ms. Elizabeth Haden

Congratulations on your successful completion of high school. Now I suppose you will continue on to fulfill all that is true and destined for you.

Your senior year will be looked at as a most memorable year of the "new"(s): New class advisors, Ms.Cureton & Ms.Gray, new vice principal-Mr.Polnitz, new interim principal - Mr.Tonero, new superintendent-Dr. Clifford Janey and lest we not forget our new and historically elected president of the United States-Barack H. Obama.

Remember,you will have to monitor and evaluate your own progress as you work to achieve social, moral, ethical and personal goals.You will be held more accoutable for your actions and must begin to think about the things you do and the friends you choose to keep.

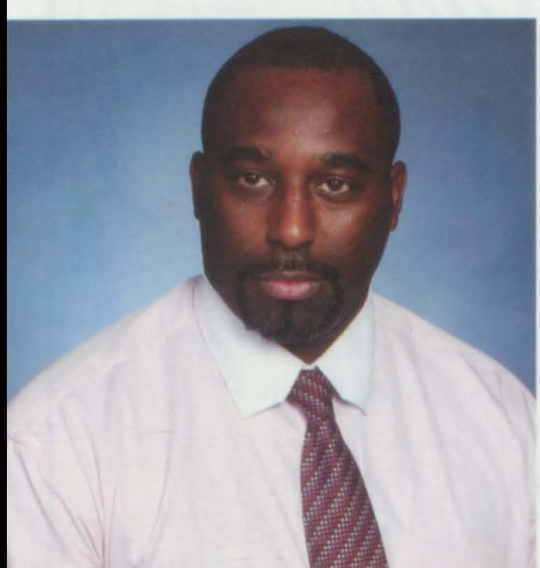
Remember, the Weequahic family will always be here to assist you when you have difficult choices or important questions. Remember honesty, hard work, friendship, sensitivity and respect for yourselves and others are not just empty words found only in the dictionary but rather personal goals for a lifetime as productive citizens.

I wish you all the best that life has to offer and continued success in achieving your goals.

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Fondly,

Mrs. E.A. Haden
Vice Principal



Mr. Ronald Morse

Many new beginings have been forged in your senior year: the United States of America has elected its first African-American President and you are heading out into the world. You can see that the country is headed in a new direction. This new direction also pertains to you.

You have spent the last four years obtaining the necessary educational tools to help you navigate in the direction you have chosen. Some of you may attend college, some of you may get a job, some of you may go in the armed services, and some of you may become entreprenuers.

The direction you take is uncharted for you. The sky is the limit. You can go as far as you allow yourself to. Don't let anyone or anything step in your path.

Life's journey will bring ups and downs and unexpected curves. And as I've told you before, school was just a place to help you overcome these obstacles. Don't forget what you have learned here at Weequahic High School. Always remember to "get yours" and to come back and give back.

Good Luck and as our beloved Mr. Stone use to say, "IP".

Mr. Ron Morse
Vice Principal



Dear Graduating Class of 2009,
You are of one mind.
You have worked; you have striven for the best you could be; you have opened your minds to new ideas. You have done all of this, and you have succeeded-you have come through.
Yet, even as you realize this, you realize that the class of 2009 is not an ending, but a transition from one phase of your life to another- it is but a breaking of the shell; the hatching of an egg; the step that leads to new and different pathways.
There is love and fondness for what you have done, and there is anticipation and joy for what yet will come.

We pray this might be the start of lives that are productive and satisfying. We pray that you would always use the knowledge you have gained in our school for the betterment of your lives and those of your fellow human beings. We pray that the days you have spent here may be but the prologue for happy and fulfilling days yet to come.
And, we pray that the class of 2009 here present may know lives that are filled with challenges which allow them to grow,knowledge which allows them to succeed, and peace, which makes everything worthwhile.

Sincerely,

Terrane S. Polnitz

Editors Message

I really can't believe it! The yearbook is finally complete. After numerous hours of hard work and dedication it finally paid off. And a BIG Thank You to the staff who helped to make this yearbook a success. So Thank You Mariah, Trenei, Willliam, and the best advisor in the world Ms. Findley. I can't forget the yearbook's "little helper" Jerome.

This year's theme is special, "Unlock the Memories". It was lots of fun working on the book, and with the staff. Good luck and Success in unlocking the soon to be memories of your future. Always remember "Life is like a combination lock; your job is to find the right numbers, in the right order, so you can have anything you want". Brian Tracy.

What's Your Most Memorable Faculty Moment?!

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MR. STRAIM

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DR. HALL

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MR. RODRIGUEZ

MR. ZICHELLA

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MS. WALKER

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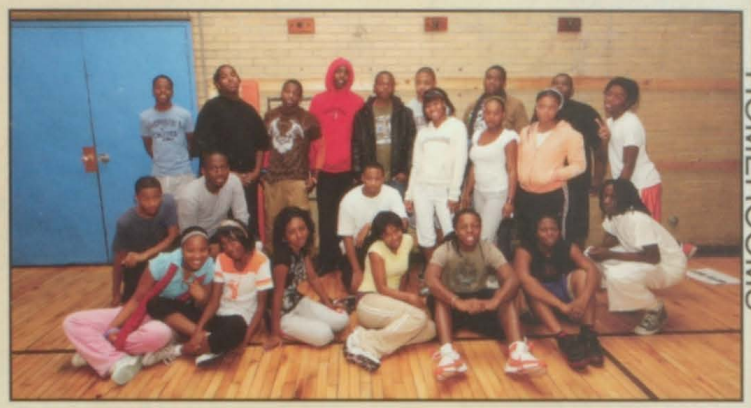


What's Your Most Memorable Homeroom Experience?!


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ATTEND CLASS DAILY!
ARRIVE ON TIME!
WARNING!
DUE DATES ARE CLOSER THAN THEY APPEAR
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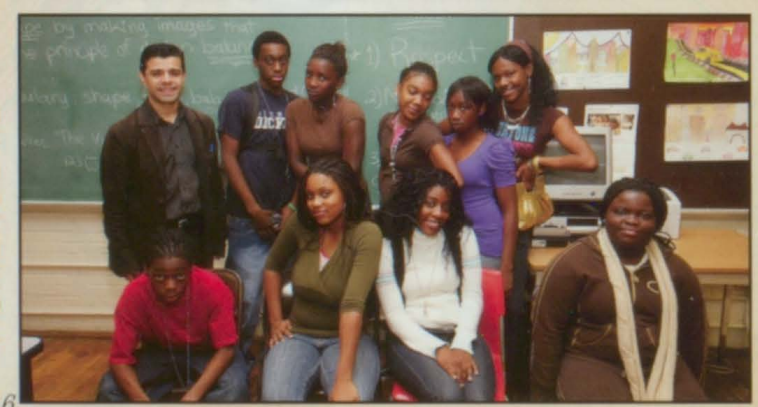




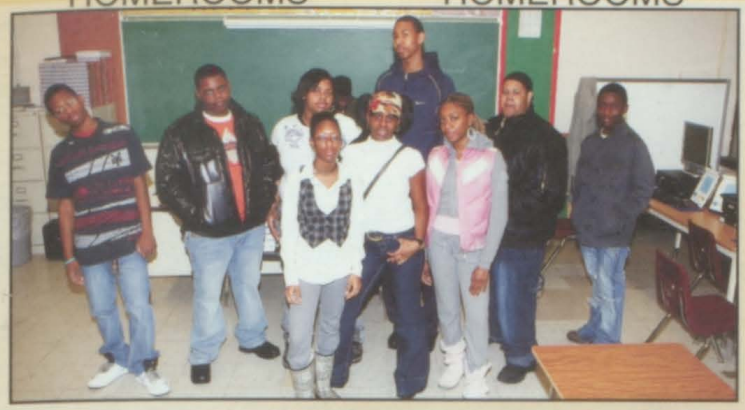


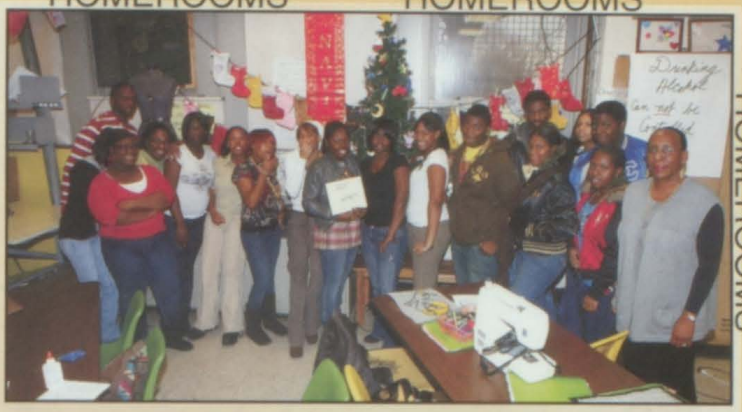






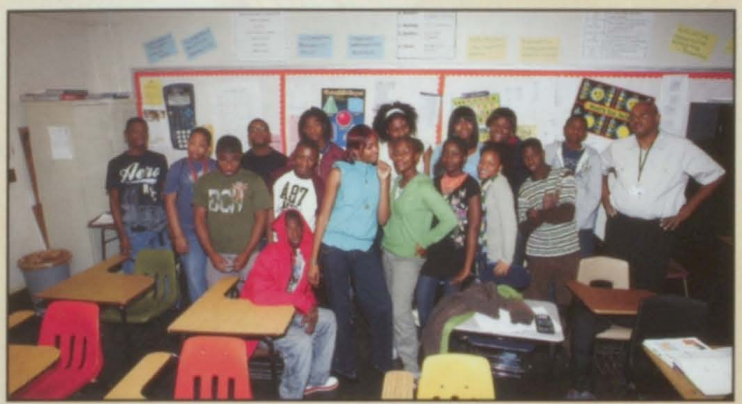


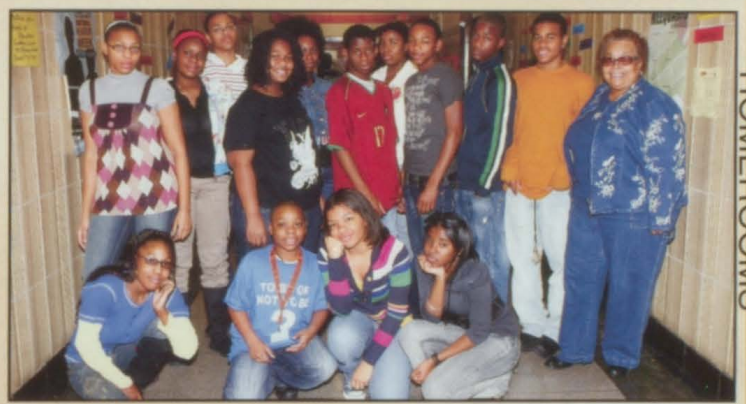








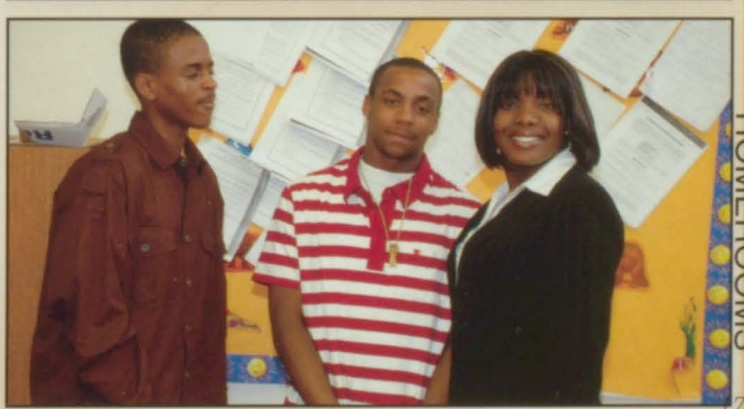





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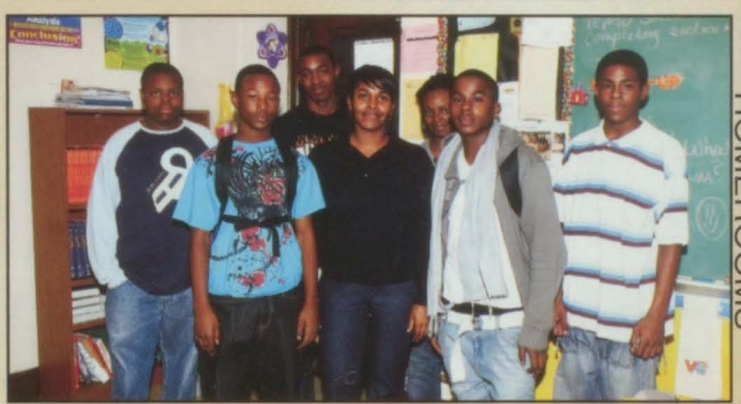
















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Bringing Back The Memories. . . .

Sports

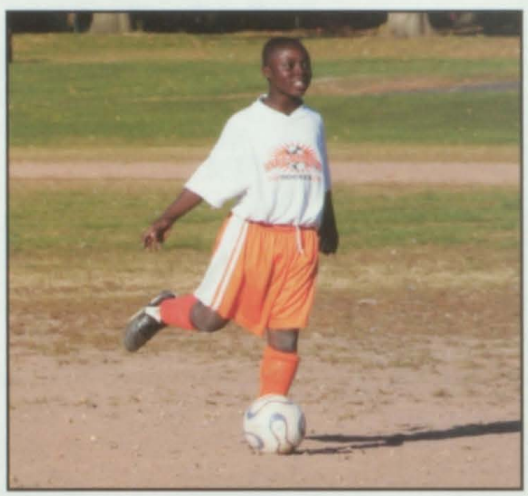
Weequahic's Soccer Team

Soccer, in general, is very intriguing. The only thing I can account for on the Weequahic Soccer Team is the spirit, unity, and teamwork. I.P



Cornelius Awosola









Soccer Team Members: Isaac Appiah-Kubi, Cornelius Awosola, Frederick Brefo Kesse, Sledge Cooke, Malcolm Ellison, Shaquille Henry, Ameatoe Kemp, Jamil Mark, Alfonso Marquez, Jadon Matthew, Rochelle Matthew, Ahmaad Mcmillian, Osayuware Osifo, Isaac Parker, Micheal Perez, Charles Pridgen, Taray Stanley.

Head Coach: Mr. Hylton

Weequahic's VolleyBall Team





Senior Katerina Montford

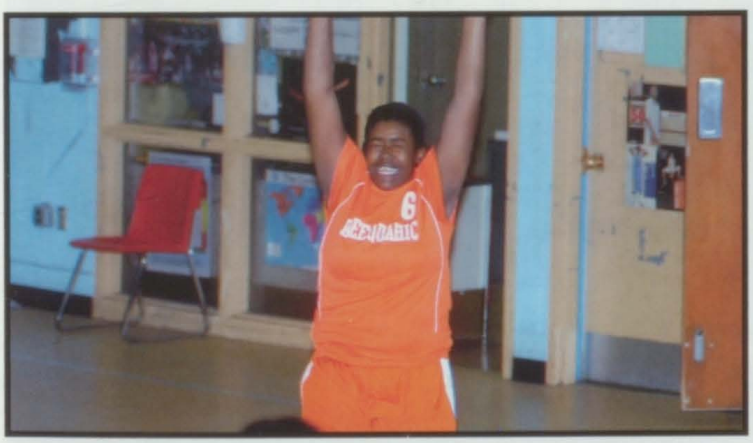


Senior Lamis Shakirullah in action.



Volleyball Team Members: Kasey Mosley, Brytknea Dickinson, Iesha Foston, Shanteia Gibbs, Krystal Lee, Katerina Montford, Shaquanah Montford, Tammara Murphy, Shavonne Reynolds, Lamis Shakir-Ullah, Tamiya Sprunel, Sheena Thomas, Shmaeya Wilborn.

Coaches: Ms. Cureton and Ms. Gray



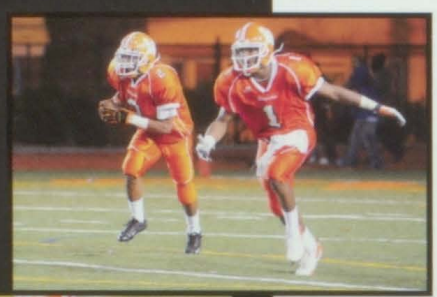
Senior Brytknea Dickinson takes a leap of victory.

"I am going to miss my fellow teammates. Good luck to the players next year!"
- Tammara Murphy



Weequahic Indians

INDIANS IN ACTION!!









"Practice makes us perfect"



Class of 09' Football Players



Row1: Princewell Agbontane,Al-Khalif Thompson,Al-Tariq Bembrey,Brandon Elliot,Thomas Hayes,Daunte Harrison.
Row2: Keith Perterman,Andre Thompson,Kyree Daniels,Dashawn Vines,Prince Stewart,Jovan Mckoy,Najee McCargo,Micheal Hawthorne.

Football Team !!!

Coaches who push our great team



PROUD TO BE INDIANS!!

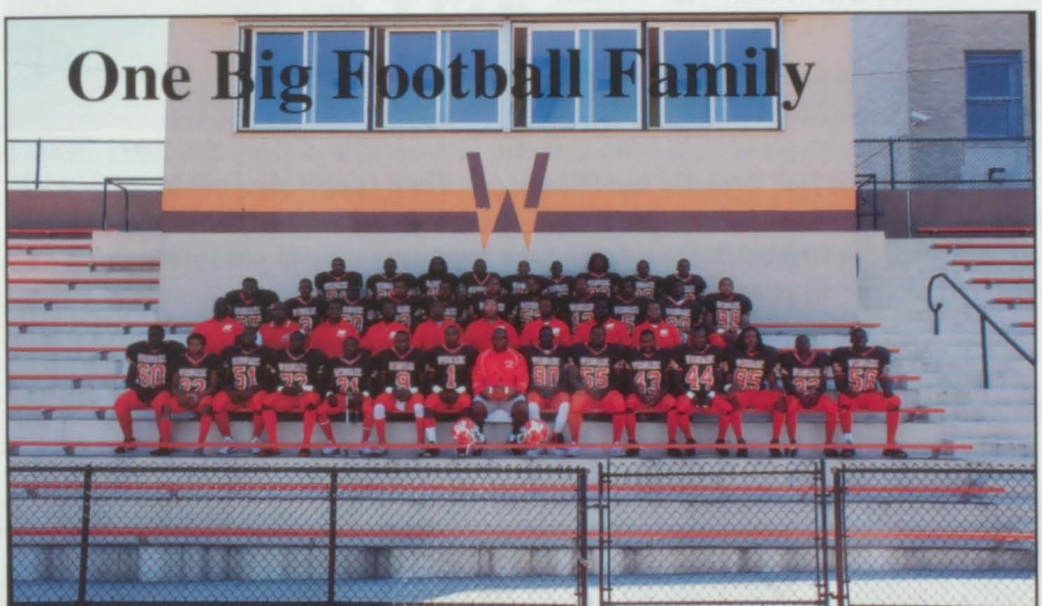








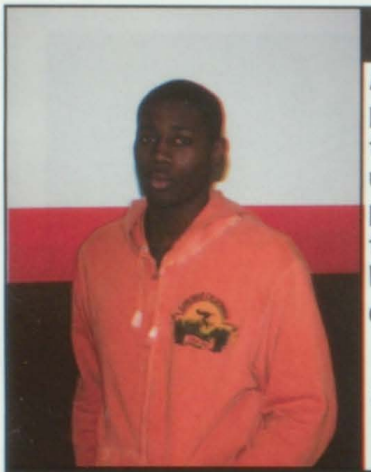
One Big Football Family



Princewell Agbontane, Ishmail Ahmad, Laquan Alston, Al-Tariq Bembrey, Ferris Brown, Doron Bryant, Antoine Butler, Troy Chavers,Kory,R. Cherry, Emeka M. Chukwukere, Jmal Coage, Gregory Coker, Kyree Daniels, Sahad Dortch, William Durrutt, Brandon, A. Elliot, Trevon Ellis, Dante Harrison, Micheal Hawthorne, Thomas Hayees, Nick Herald, Alfuquan Hubbard, Ibn Ingram, Jamil Kollie, Terrance Latham, Khalif Ligon, Tyrone Mans, Daquan Martin, Najee McCargo, Jovan McKoy, Jahleel McMillian, Keith Peterman, Todd Peterson, Darion Sanders, Kavon Simpson, Dijon,K. smelly, Prince Stewart, Kevin Taylor, Andre Thompson, Alkhalif Thompson, Micheal Turner, Dashawn Vines, Imani Washington, Markques Winstead

"So hard to beat a Weeqauhic Indian"

Class of 2009 Seniors Who

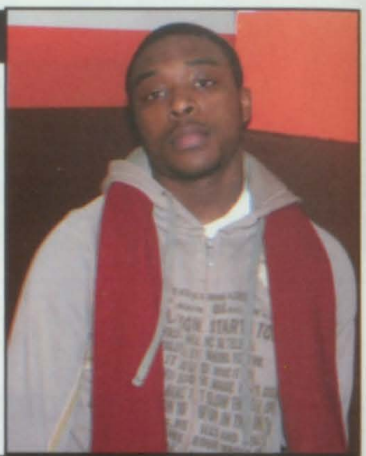


Dashawn Vines OL/DL

Although this is my last year, I am proud to say that I'm apart of Weequahic and a successful program. In my four years playing for coach Al-Tariq White, I have learned many things. Not just things on the field but things that will help me in the future when I get out in the real world by myself. Also, by me playing for Weequahic, I have been able to meet some important people. Those people being mayors, governors, and college coaches. I would also like to thank some of the players that came before before me such as Rashon Vines, Jamaal Perry, Amara Kamara, Al-Tariq Harris, Dawud Hayes, Andre Dozier, and the rest of the 2008 Champs. They paved the way for me and my other brothers to repeat what they have done.

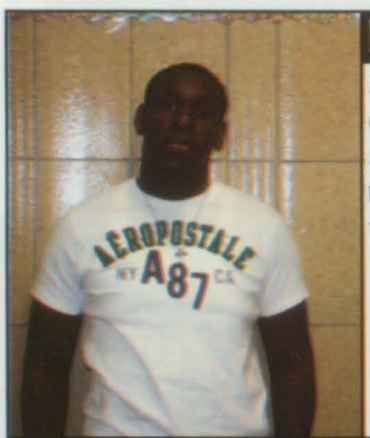
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Al-Teriq Bembry RB/DB



It's an honor to have played for Weequahic's football team. Thinking back on how long Weequahic's history goes and to wear the Indian jersey, is an honor. I have been playing for two years and enjoyed every day of it, from my first day in the weight room to my last day playing against our Southward rival Shabazz. We went through so many ups and downs together and some days were real low. It was hard and very stressful but each year we made it through and had fun. Each of my years didn't go well due to injuries to key players but we played hard every Friday night and Saturday morning. It is also an honor to have played against and win a historic game against Shabazz. I would like to thank all of my coaches and all the players I shared that brand new field with. Good luck to next year's team.

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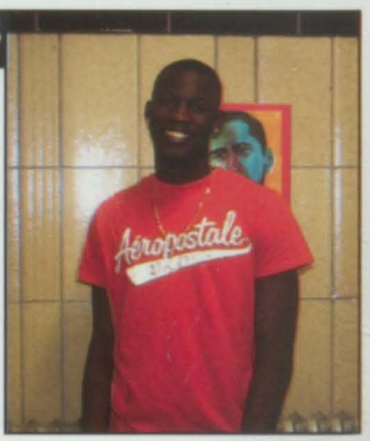


Michael Hawthorne OL/DL

Although this season didnt go as planned, it was still one to remember. During my time on the team I learned a great deal from the coaching staff. They taught me how to be successful in what I do, and have given me the tools needed to be a man. All that I recieved from my coaches and teammates is sure to take me a long way in my future. I wish them all the best in their lives and I.P forever.

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Kyree Daniels WR/LB

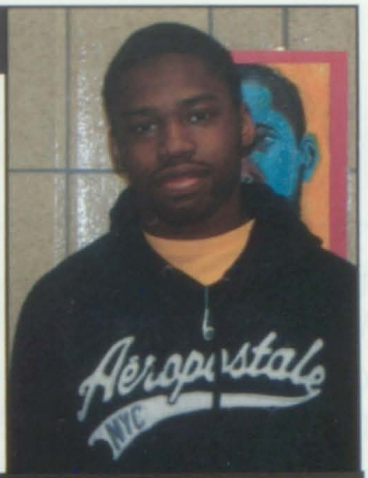


I feel as though it was an honor to have played football for Weequahic all four of my high school years. Being a part of this football team has taught me how to build a family with my coaches and my teammates. Also while playing on the team, I had the chance of a life-time, to win the NJLSSA Football State Championship and become captian of the team. So I want to say a Big Thank You to all my coaches and teammates. And I wish you well.

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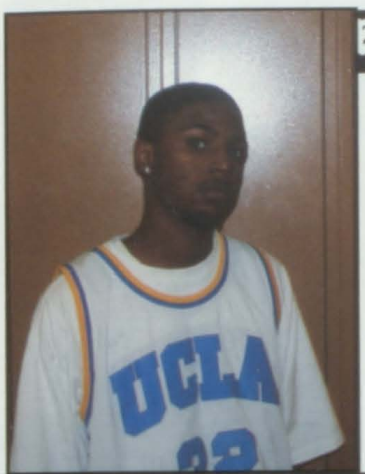
Made The Winning Possible

Thomas Hayes TE/LB



We'll what can you say? I really enjoyed this season, and my time on the team. This journey was really fun for me, and I will always remember this experience. It's kind of sad that the season is over along with my last year as a Weequahic Indian. No matter what, I am going to miss the good, the bad, the crazy, and the sad. Thank you to the coaches, my teammates, and all those who helped me along the way. One last time I.P

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Brandon Elliot WR/DB

Playing football as a Weequahic Indian was one of the best things I've ever done. I came here from Arts High my junior year, and I barely knew anyone. So I joined the football team and I sort of found my place. While on the team, I learned about the role of leadership, and football itself. The things I've learned during my days of playing will help my life and career in years to come. I thank all of my coaches and players who worked with me. I loved being an Indian and I will miss it.

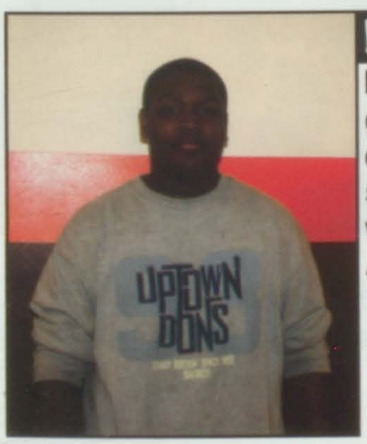
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Princewell Agbontane RB/DB



I have had many good experiences playing football. The best experience about playing football would have to be the last game against our rivals Shabazz. I acknowledged it was the last game, however it was a game that meant a great deal to myself along with the coaches. I will never forget the experiences I've had being a Weequahic Indian. Good luck and I.P.

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Najee McCargo OL/DL

Football is really my life. I think without football I would be out on the streets, up to no good. While on the team, I learned determination, and to give 1000% to any and everything I do. And to be honest, I did this for my mother, because I know she wants to see me be successful, and I have all intentions of not letting her down. All I know is she would be proud of what I do, and how I have grown to become the young man I am today. A Thanks to my team and coaches for all they've taught me. Good luck to you all. I.P

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EXTRA EXTRA!!! READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!

VICTORY

It was a tough game, but our Weequahic Indians rose to the challenge and defeated our longtime rivals the Shabazz Bulldogs.







Get the ball Bump!!!



They can't hold us back!!!



We are in there, running the ball like we do so well.

WEEQUAHIC BEATS RIVALS 7-0



IS OURS !!!



Indians take a time out to think of a strategy to take these guys down.



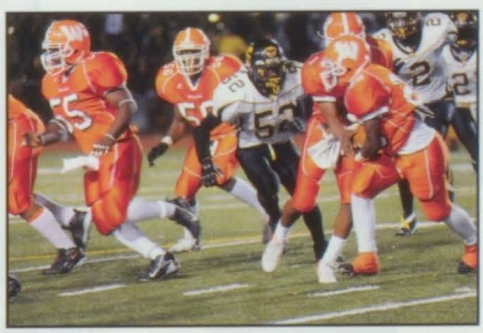
And it works out well, picking up a few yards!



Weequahic's band dazzles the crowd at the rivalry game.

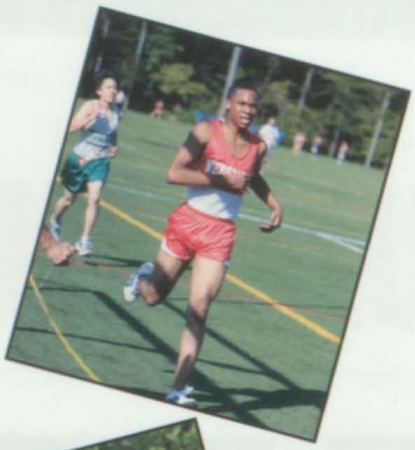


The Indians are setting up the play!



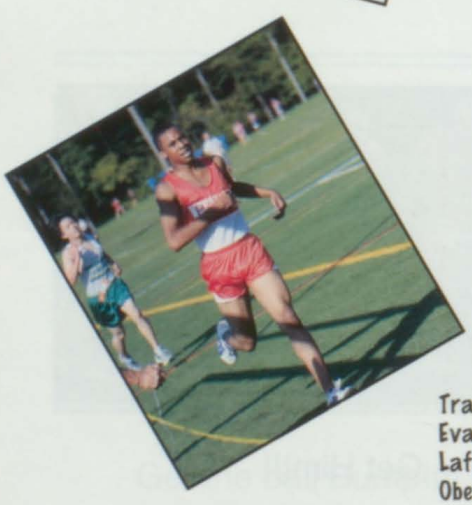
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Track and Field









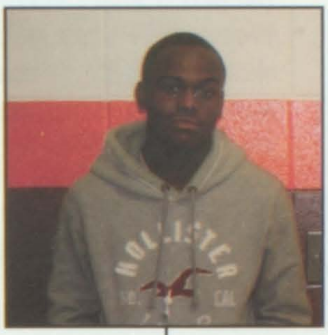




Track and Field Team - Prince Agbontane, Necaela Akins, Antione Butler, Kyree Daniels Wali Downey, Iyannah Evans, Winston Gordon, Jessica Hamilton, malik Hart, Nick Herald, Al-Fuquan Hubbard, Tanaya Jones, Jamillah Lafayette, Rasean R, Kassandra Lopez,Kyle McCray, Majile McCray, Jovan McKoy, Saif Muhammad, Octavius Obey, William Robinson, Shaharazah Rhompson, Perry Williams, Markques Winstead, Gwendolyn Ziegler.

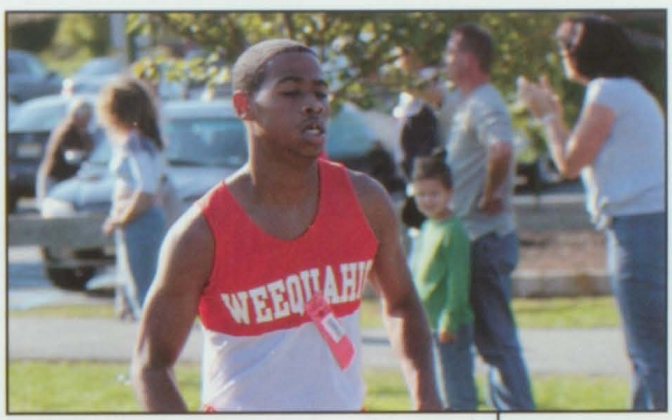
Cross-Country





Cross Country to me was an amazing experience. Whenever I was stressing, mad, or just not up to doing anything, Coach Clark, Coach Battle, and Coach Butler always kept me focused. I also felt free of any issues and situations I was going through as I ran the different parks. So, Cross Country was a major factor in my high school career.

Shahaad Hinton







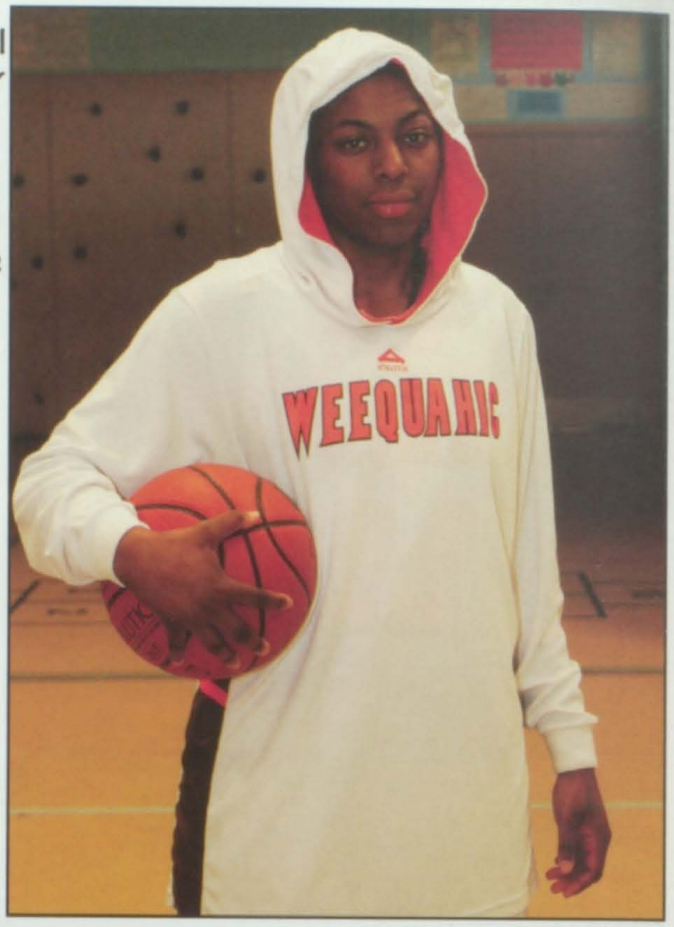
Cross Country- Nicaela Atkins, Joshua Baker, Brandon Bates, Antoine Bell, Shahid Brown, Jerry Butler, Shyrone Carter, Donte Crosland, Ibn Dortch, Wali Downey, Malcolm Ellison, Judith Geker, Daquan GerraldWinston Gordon, Al-Quawi Hargrove, Malik Hart, Shahaad Hinton, Ishmeel Huggins, Tawan Jetter, Zokwymere Lawton, Jovan Mckoy, Wali Murray, Dionn Ross, Dukpe Smith-Obasuyi, Shmeaya Wilborn, Perry Williams.

Go Lady Indians!!!



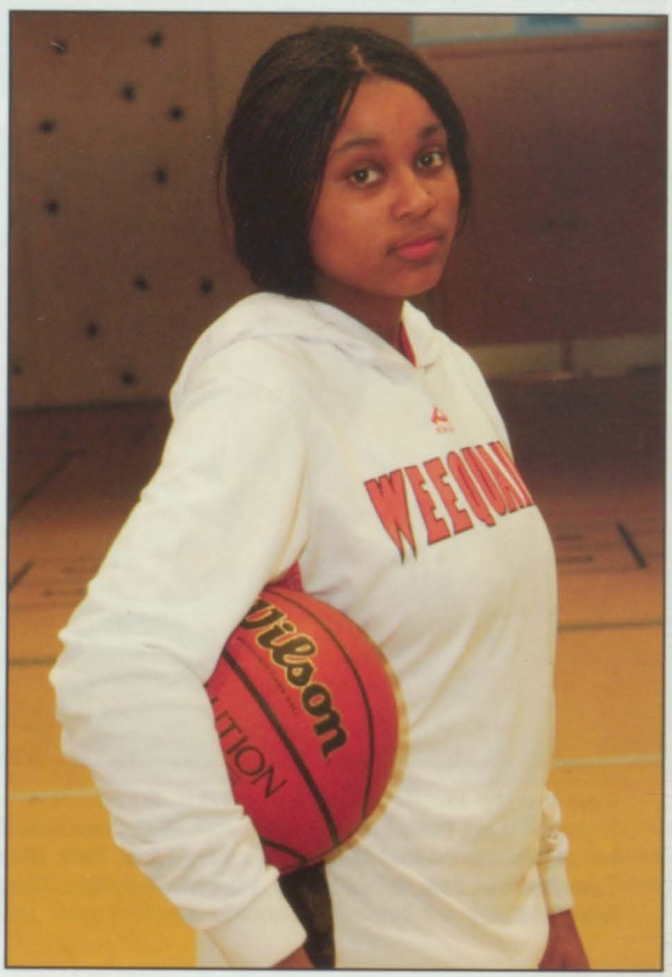
What more can I say? Basketball is my life. I live for this sport. For the last 4 years playing for Weequahic's Lady Indians has changed my life. It has helped me mature in so many ways. And to my fellow teammates,I truly love you.

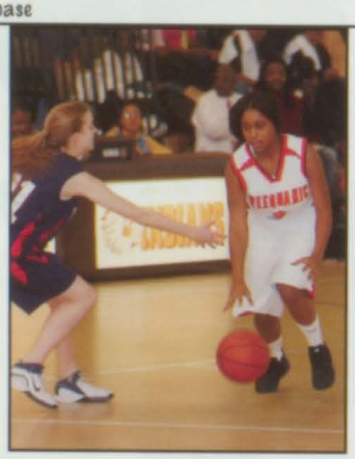
-Jasmine Mott





Girls Basketball Team Members: Najah Spencer, Kiara White, Jade Wilson, Keyonna Barnes, Shantisha Steed, Katrice Sheard, Shameanah Johnson, Nicole Kieth, Kevonna High, Shaquida White, Fadirah Tucker, Jasmine Mott, Kenyadah Hopkins, Rondiesha Williams, Janera Hunter, Aaliyah Harris-Rice.
Head Coach: Amiri Baraka. Asst Coach: Genique Flournoy. Vol. Coaches: Denard Cooper and Bernard Chase

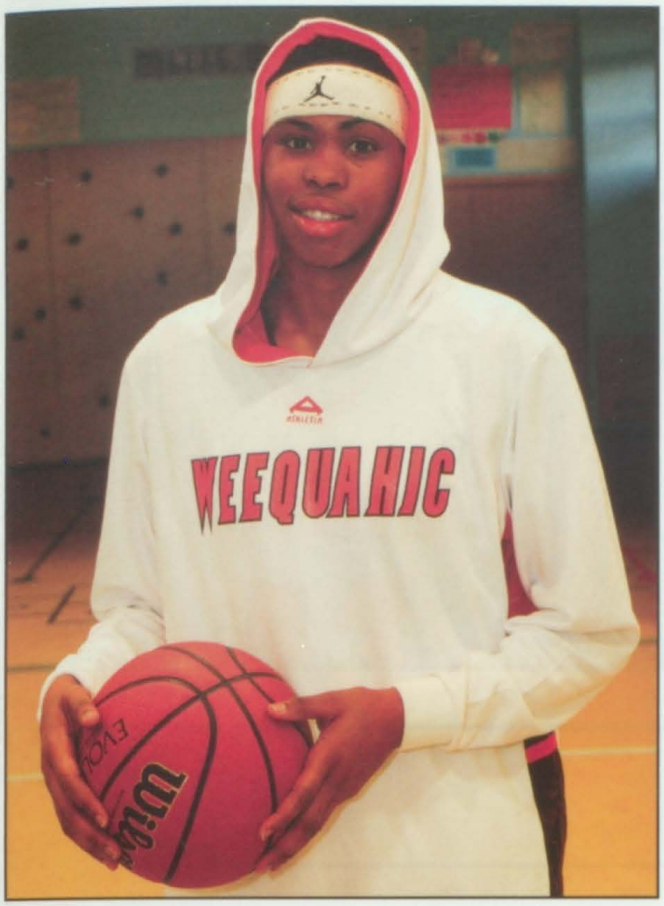




Playing basketball for Weequahic is cool. It has been a great experience playing for the two years that I've been with my team. Now that I play, I kind of regret not playing my freshman and sophomore years. I've become a better, well-rounded person and more involved in the school. As much as I've helped the team out, they also helped me to become a better player.

- Jade Wilson

Girls' Basketball Team



Basketball is my life. During the last four years of playing for Weequahic, I have grown. Basketball means so much to me. I love the girls, meaning my teammates Jade, Keyonna, Jasmine and Aaliyah. I got nothing but love for yall!

-- Kenyadah Hopkins







Wow. Basketball has been a part of my life from day 1. Basketball at Weequahic has been a trying but wonderful journey. Getting to know the girls has been interesting and I'm glad I have gotten to know them. Sometimes I wish I could have known and played with them from the start.

--Aaliyah Harris-Rice

Basketball. Wow! The word itself gets me hyped. I find basketball to be a main interest in my life. This was my first year playing a full year and I have loved every moment of it. We've had some rough times but we got through them and kept our heads high. Man, I love those girls....

--Keyonna Barnes

Boys' Basketball

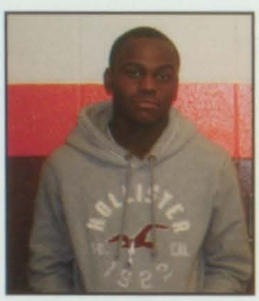




Boys Basketball Team Members: Shyrone Carter, Malcolm Ellison,Shahid Brow Dukpe Smith-Obasuyi, Mose Mcnair-May, Shahaad Hinton, Ali Myrick, Kirtrel Dixon, Dashawn Vines, Everette Martin, Daquan Smith, Ibn Dortch.

Head Coach- Derrick Butler. Asst Coaches- Vernon Freeland and Chris Kelley

Seniors Who Make This



I feel as though basketball is more than a sport. It's a lifestyle. The way you succeed in this life is to put your heart on the court, play to your top ability, and, last but not least, have fun. In the last years of being a part of our Basketball Team, I have realized that you can improve mentally and physically not only as an individual but as a family.

--Shahaad Hinton

So proud to be an Indian!!! I.P



Weequahic's Basketball Program is a great team to play for. I have been playing for Weequahic since my freshman year. An easy way to succeed in this program is to have heart, listen, and work hard in practice. Coach Butler has also helped me out so much . He kept me out of the streets and made me better as a basketball player. We are a family.

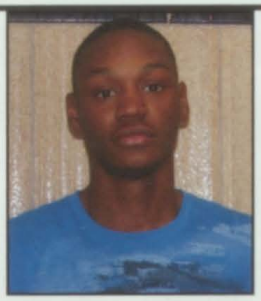
--Malcolm Ellison

Indians In Action!!





Great Team Possible!!!!



Playing basketball for Weequahic is a fun experience. There are so many responsible and hardworking young men connected with the team. Playing the game is all about improving your skills. I didn't just learn about basketball in this program, I also learned about teammwork. Playing for Weequahic made me more mature over these four years. Having had this experience, will help me with college, and knowing the great coaches will help me with my future. --Shahid Brown

One Big Indian Family!!!

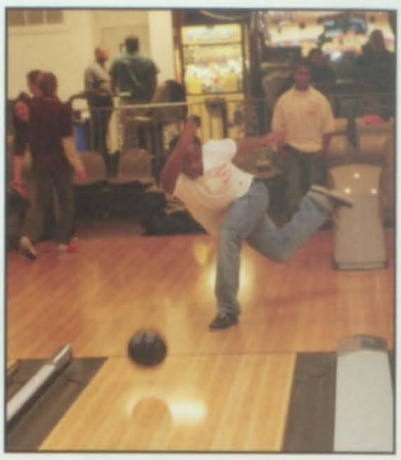




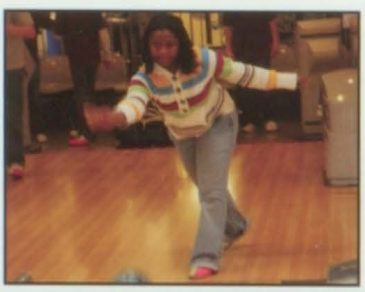
Playing basketball for Weequahic has changed my life in a good way. This has kept me off the streets and staying in a positive state of mind. We aren't just a team, we're like family. We stuck together. Our coaches are like big brothers who want nothing but the best for us. I have been struggling in high school but Coach Butler has taught me not to give up and encouraged me to succeed because when I do, I will be able to help all those who believed in me. This team has helped me out a great deal and I appreciate all of my teammates and the attributes they bring. Safe to say, I would not give basketball up for anything. -- Shyrone Carter

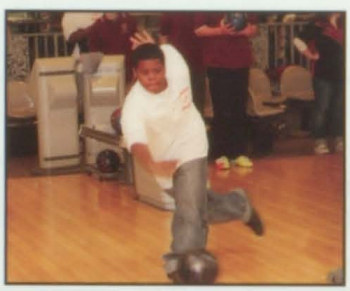
Weequahic's Bowling Team

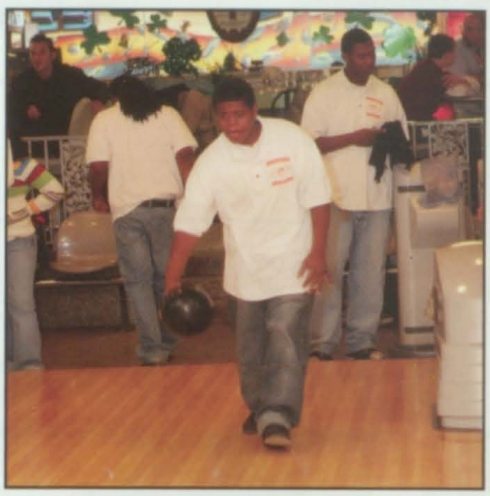


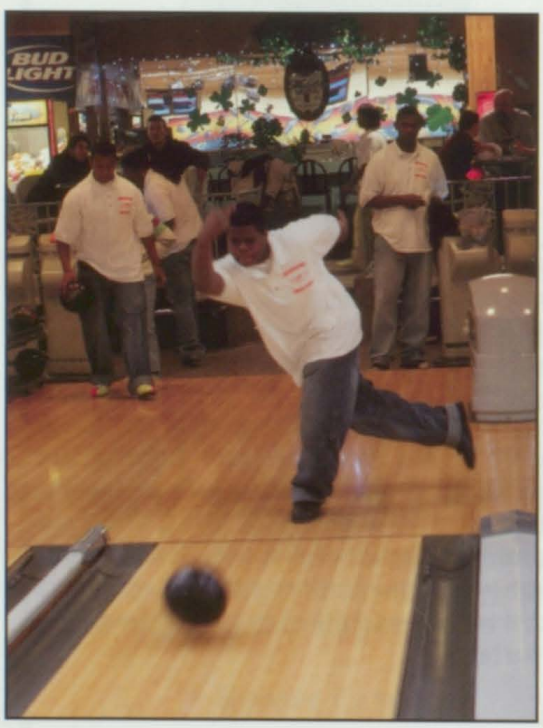


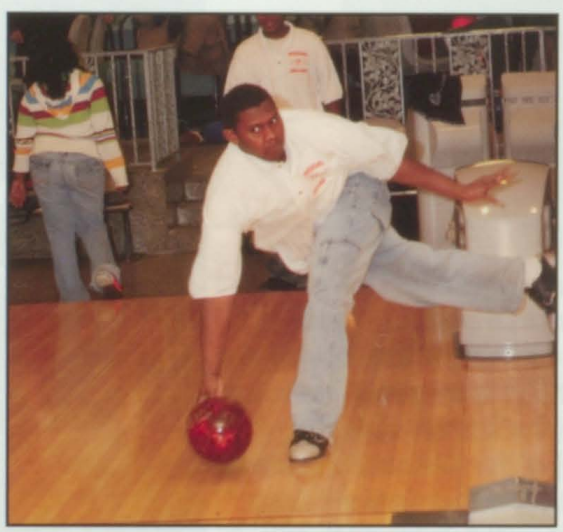
Bowling Team Members: Emmanuel Alexander, Shaune Henry, Micheal Turner, Daniel Peterson, Shayla Dickson, Bianca Lee, Lashonda McNeal, Joyce Johnson, Taquan Stroughn, and Amirah Lovejoy.









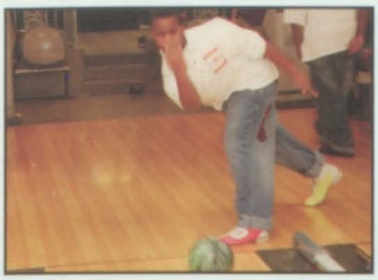


Spare!!!!!

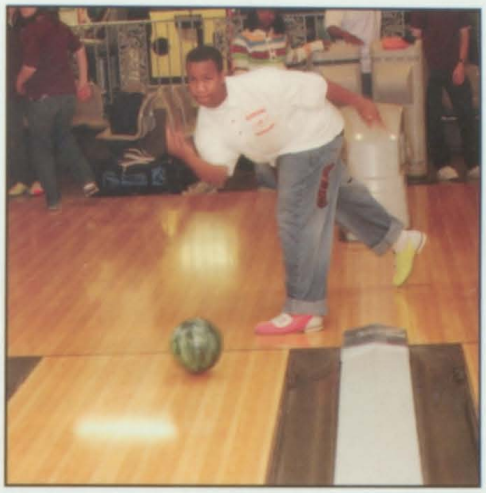
Strike!!!!!

Bowling is fun. It is a fun sport to play when you are feeling stressed out. Good luck to the players next year.

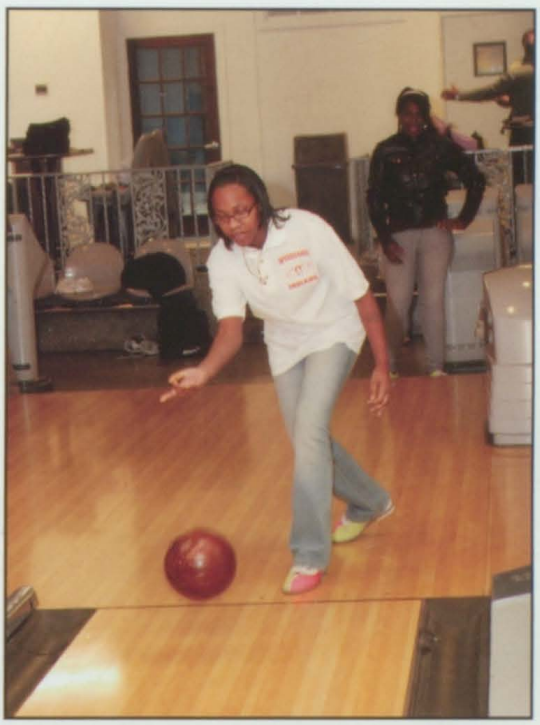
--Shaune Henry











Senior Lashonda McNeal (above) bowls a spare!!

Senior Bianca Lee (left) bowls a strike!!

Turkey!!!

A ONCE IN A LIFETIME MILESTONE: 1000 POINTS FOR JAZZ!!!!









What's Your Most Memorable Moment?!

Clubs and Activities

Drama/Poetry Club

-Mr. Hylton-Advisor

Ayanah Coleman
Brytknea Dickinson
Asmar Bouie
Crystal Pereira
Ashley Payne
kiera Branch
Davinah Bryan
Abloine Bell
Nideeyah Moody
Mary Powell
Sparkle Moore
Al-Kiah Palmer
Tiana McNair
Jammaal Abney
Brandon Harris
Yasmeena Burris
Rascan Lawrence
Kassandra Lopez
Judith Geker
Deshawn Mathis
Dominique Alford
Devon Florence
Tyshanna Cohen
Brandi Byrd
Shaneequah Zielger
Jahleel Johnson
Jasmin Johnson
Quashawn Baxter
Shakeel Brown
Lucious Greene
Kory Cherry
Rasha Crawford
Kyley McCray
Rachael Howard
Perry Williams



Each One Teach One

-Ms. Lyons-Advisor

William Johnson
Sheena Thomas
Judith Geeker
Tiana Williams
Brieanna Blake



Craft/Sewing Club

-Ms. Saunders-Advisor

Katerina Montford
Asia Patterson
Tammara Murphy
Asia Wilson
Nyjirah Hill
Jelisa Cornwall
Shanaea Brown
Tajia Lee
Ashley Slater
Sarah Caldwell
Kasey Mosely
Nia Smalls
Melissa Dhanodal
Alisha Bethea
Tiarra Grant



Clubs and Activities



Literary Magazine

-Mr. Jacob-Advisor
Olivia Clarke
Yasmeena Burris
Krystal Lee
Felicia Davis
LaQuaiya Taylor
Daquan Marten
Yvonne Speed
Kiana Adams
Faustino Iarko Amuzu
Laquan Steed
Talia Simmons
Jahleel McMillian
Marienage Lerissant
Jane Asante
Christinia Mallard
Jahnale Stokes
Rochelle James
Eddie Grant
Sheena Thomas
Lenita Onque
Kadim Bobbit



Student Council

-Mrs. Rashid-Advisor
Shaniah McLendon- President
William Johnson Jr- Vice President
Sade Jones
Dukpe Smith-Obasuyi
Ernisa McClendon
Lashonda McNeal
Thomas Hayes



Sigma Beta Club

-Dr. West-Advisor
Denzel Foster-Reckless
Calvin Simmons-Sargent
Christophar Wilkins-Swiss Chris
Rascan Lawrence-Smooney
Jeremy Lopez-Kool Aid
Charles Foster-Charlie Brown
Kyle McCray Jr-Technical
Micheal Howard-Koolio
Malik Hurt-Bullet
Perry Williams-Smooth Talk
Tyshon Ward-Apollo
Thomas Hayes-Grill 'Em
Rasahn Jones-Bone Crusher
Terrance Bailey-Ghost Rider
Dajauhn Quittley-Gresh
Emanuel Alexander-Predator

Clubs and Activities

Robotics

-Mr. Snead-Advisor
Kevin Crosby
Brytknea Dickinson
Terrance Bailey
Asmar Bouie
Emanuel Alexander
Dajauhgn Quitley
Charles Foster
Denzell Foster
Alexzandria Earl



Senior Class Officers

Advisors- Ms.Curaton & Ms. Gray

President- Ernisa McClendon

Vice President-Iesha Simmons

Secretary- Dajauhgn Quitley

Treasurer- Joyce Johnson



National Honors Society

- Ms. Covington-Advisor
President- Kimberley Clarke-Myrick
Dajaughn Quittley
Cornelius Awasola
Ayomipo Bajomo
Da'Aiyah Smith
Lamis Shakirullah
Lashonda McNeal
Jelisa Cornwall



Clubs and Acitvities



Top 10 Scholars

Cornelius Awasola
Ayomipo Bajomo
Da'Aiyah Smith
Jelisa Cornwell
Lamis Shakir Ullah
Xavier Walker
Kimberley Clarke-Myrick
Dajaughn Quittley
Montrell Moody
Katerina Montford



Sisters About Progress

-Ms. Rashid-Advisor
Katerina Montford
Ernisa Melendon
Jelisa Cornwall
Shaniah Melendon
Melisa Dhanoodal
Shayla Dickson
Kasey Mosely
Joyce Johnson
Ashley Hollins
Tiara Grant
Nyjirah Hill
Shakayah Williams
Alisha Bethea
Lashonda McNeal
Tiara Lewis
Sade Jones



Yearbook Committee

Adviser- Ms. Findley
Editors- Courtney Brown, Mariah Tillies and Trenai Davis
Nyjirah Hill
William Johnson
Jelisa Cornwall
Asia Patterson
Shalonda Shaw
Jaliyah Bateman
Ishitia Jones

Clubs and Activities

Close Up Club
-Ms. Knight-Advisor
Breanna Blake
Kimberly Clarke-Myrick
Devonte Jones
Tashebia Jones
De'Shon Rogers
Tiana Williams
Yvonne Speed
Nyjirah Hill
Ursula Alexander
Sheena Thomas



Future Teachers
-Ms. Robinson-Advisor
Nyasia Blanton
Davinah Bryan
Briana Hill-Woodard
Bryana James
Yassirah Lyles
Ashley McDuffie
Nideyyah Moody
Mary Powell
Larosa Previlon
Azizzi Spencer
Corrina Taylor
Ijanae Trotman
Rondesha Williams



What's Your Most Memorable Senior Life Moment....??

Dear Ms. President.....



Ernisa Mclendon

This school year passed very quickly. I didn't realize that we were coming to the end of our journey and preparing to start something new so soon. It was crazy at the beginning, when we had nothing and made our way to something. We did a good job raising money. Without the help of our senior class advisors Ms.Gray and Ms.Cureton, our class might not have gotten as far as it did.

The teachers supported us tremendously. The senior class and I would like to thank you all. You guys gave us the majority of money we needed to make this a fun year. We are forever in your debt.

It's so hard to say goodbye, but we all knew it was coming. As we leave Weequahic High School ,there's one thing we should keep in mind: No matter how hard things get for you, never give up. You can fall to your lowest point, but if you have faith in yourself you can make it to the highest position in the world. Keep your heads up Indians.

Sincerely,
Your Senior Class President

Ernisa McLendon

Class of 2009

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Cornelius Awasola

2



Ayomipo Bajomo

3



Da'Aiyah Smith

4



Jelisa Cornwal

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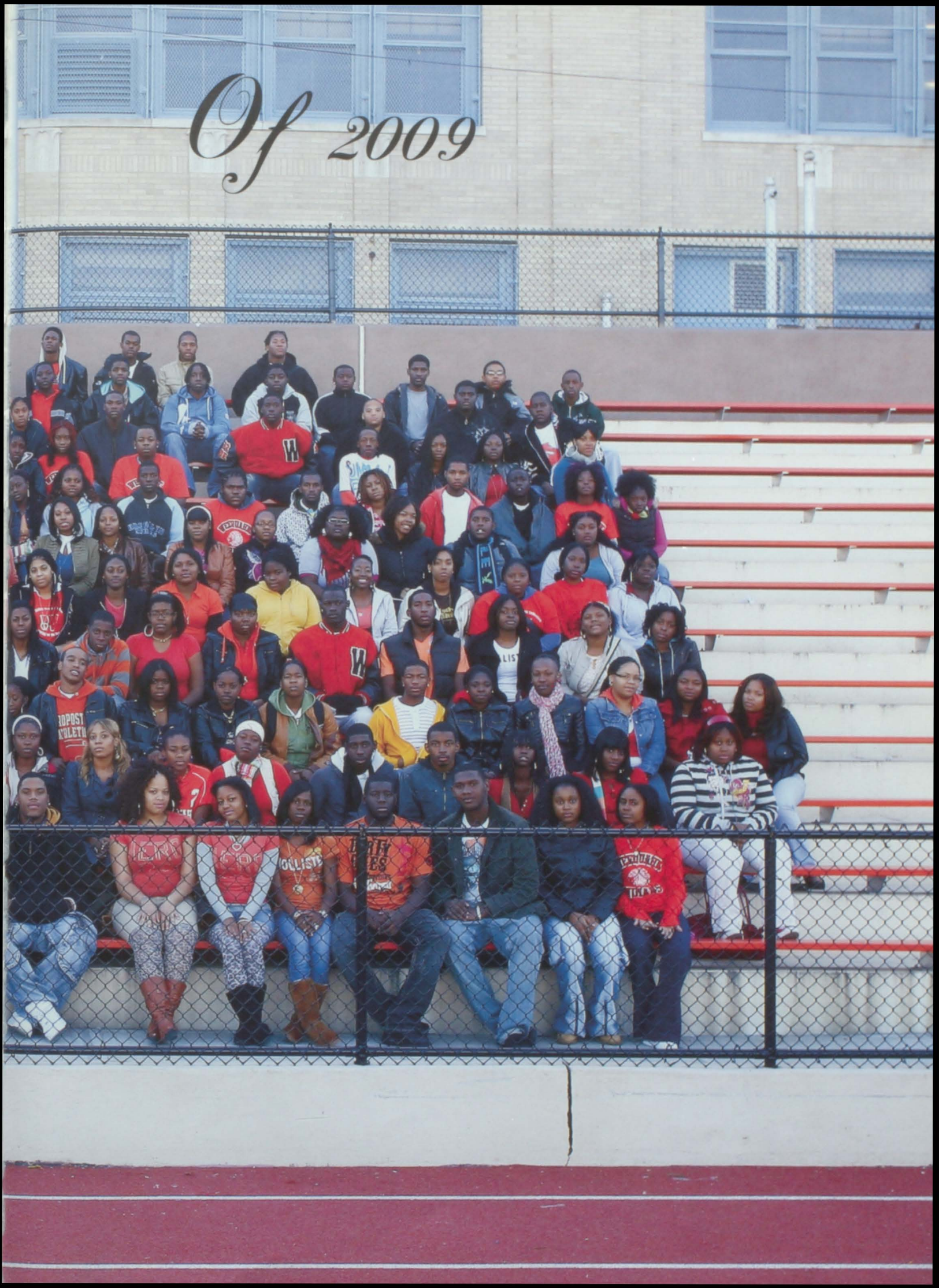


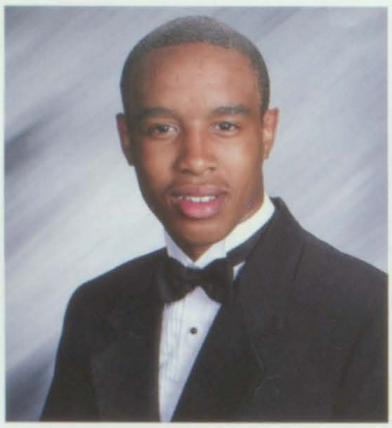
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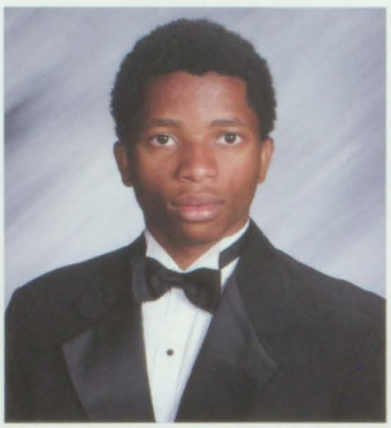
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Tyree Adams



Princewell Agbontane



Emmanuel Alexander



Keanna Alexander

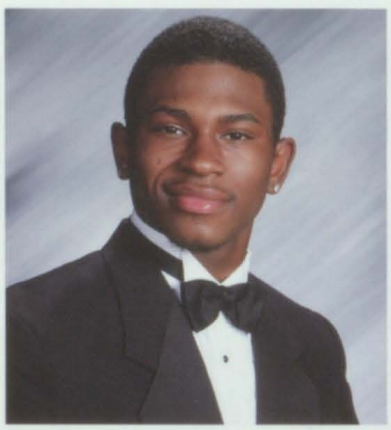
Class of 2009: My Best Friends

TYREE: Melly, 10-11, KP, Jazzo, DaDa, Shaune, Kittles

URSULA: Tracy, and Eli

CORNELIUS: Osifa Yuwa, Ayo Bajomo

DESIREE: Joyce, Rashawn, Ernisa



Rakim Alexander



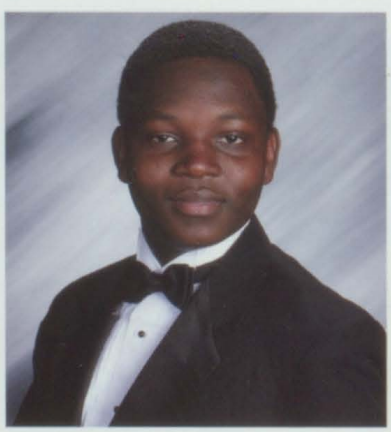
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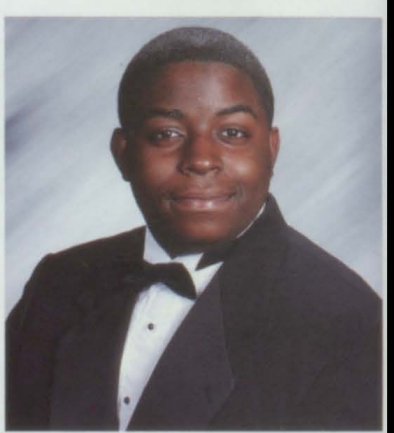
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Cornelius Awosola



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Keyonna Barnes



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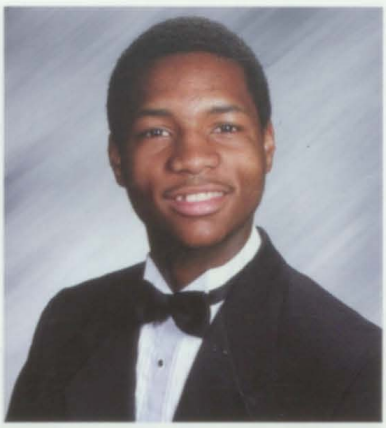
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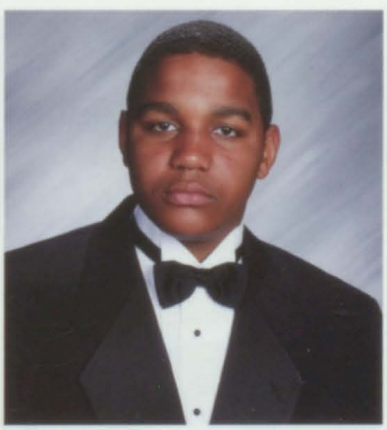


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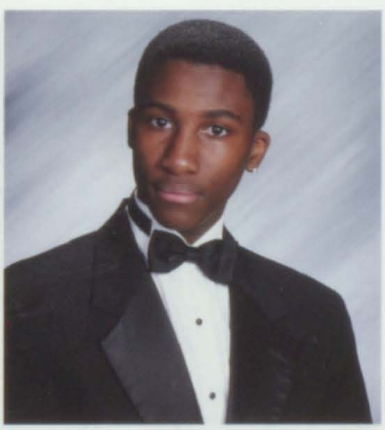
Class of 2009



Kia Bowers



Antwan Branch



Courtney Brown



Ebony Brown

Class of 2009: Our Favorite Subject(s)

TAJ: English

CHANTAY: Economics

COURTNEY: English and Forensic Debate

TRACY: English and Computer Apps



Shanaea Brown



Tracy Brunson



Elijah Bryant



Stacy Bullock



Najah Burks



Steven Byrd

Class of 2009: Our Most Unforgettable Experience

ELIJAH: "When Ne-Yo came to Weequahic freshman year."

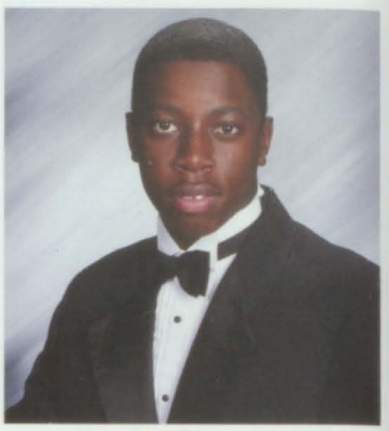
SARAH: "When I found out I passed the HSPA"

KIMBERLY: "When I was inducted into the National Honors Society"

JELISA: "Finding out I passed both parts of the HSPA"



Sarah Caldwell



Shyrone Carter



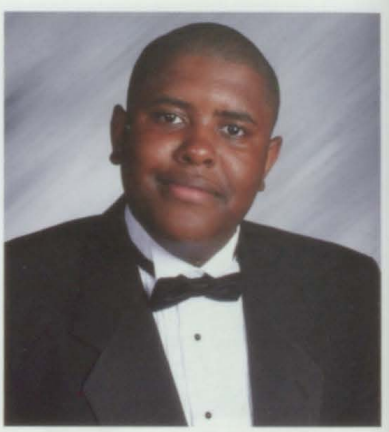
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Ayanah Coleman



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Portia Cooper

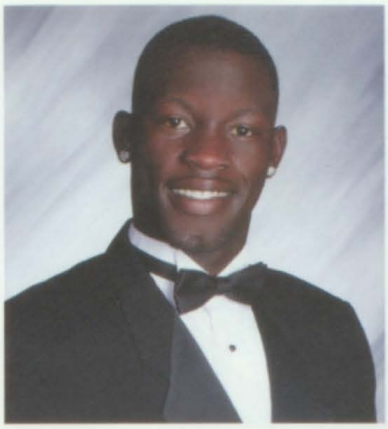


Jelisa Cornwall

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Kevin Crosby



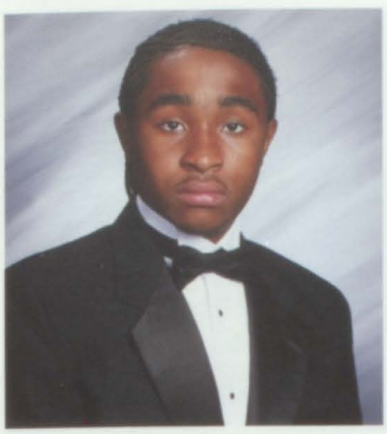
Kyree Daniels



Trenei Davis



Nyasia Days



Jarell Deck



Melissa Dhanoolal

Class of 2009



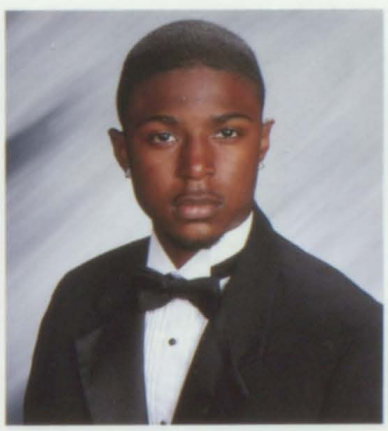
Brytknea Dickson



Shayla Dickson



Alexzandria Earl



Brandon Elliot

Class of 2009: My Favorite Cartoon(s)

TRENEI:Lamb Chop, Minnie Mouse

JARELL: Family Guy

SHAYLA: Flinstones

DANIEL: South Park, Family Guy



Daniel Feranando



Devon Florence



Sutonah Floyd



Charles Foster



Glennys Franco



Tiarra Gant

Class of 2009: Favorite Subject

GLENNYS: Science

JUDITH: Math and English

ASHLI: Lunch

CHAMEL: Science



Ashli Garnett



Judith Geker



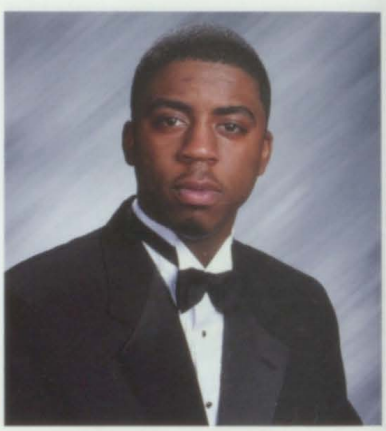
Watta George



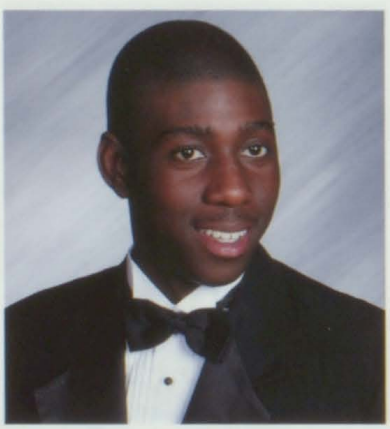
Jessica Gilmore



Shantel Gordon



Anthony Grant



Chamel Grant



Chanel Grant

Class of 2009



Lia Green



Markonjay Gunone



Aliyah Harris-Rice



Ella Harrison

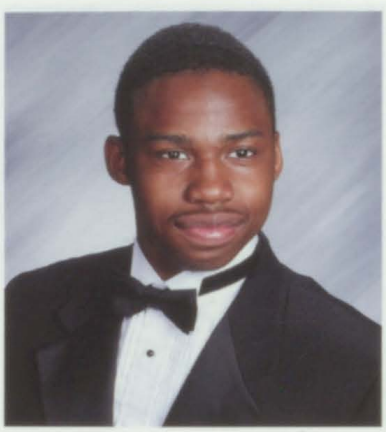


Bianca Harvey-Lee



Micheal Hawthorne

Class of 2009



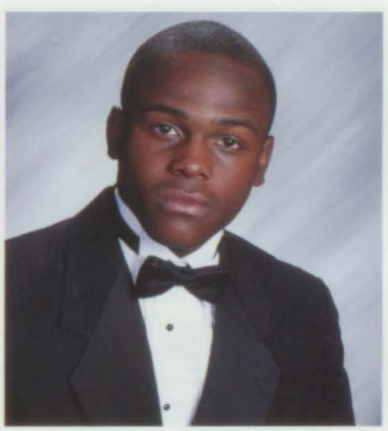
Thomas Hayes



Shaune Henry



Nyjira Hill



Shahaad Hinton

Class of 2009: My Inspiration

MARKONJAY: Ms. Tamarkin

MICHEAL: Newark

NYJIRA: Kimore Lee Simmons, Tyra Banks, Beyonce

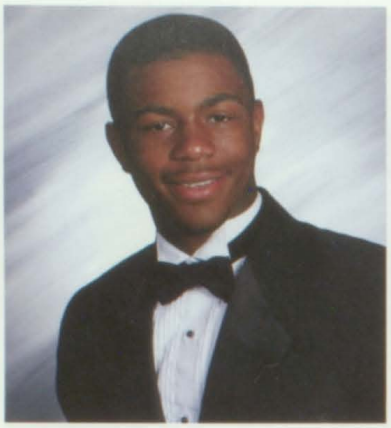
ASHLEY: Ms. Findley, Ms. Covington, and my Mom.



Ashley Hollins



Kenyadah Hopkins



Alfuquan Hubbard



Mariah Hunt



Danielle Hunter



Sultana Islam

Class of 2009: My Best Friends

MARIAH: Jahyda

TYEISHA: Felicia Johnson

WILLIAM: Jeremy Lopez

RAHSAHN: James, Quame, Ant, Ibn, and Taj



Jaleesa Jackson



Tyeisha Jackson



Asia Johnson



Joyce Johnson



William Johnson



Shamira Joiner



Ishitia Jones



Rahsahn Jones

Class of 2009



Sade Jones



Yasmina Jones



Melika Kenney



Sharif Kilpatrick



Latifah Lacy

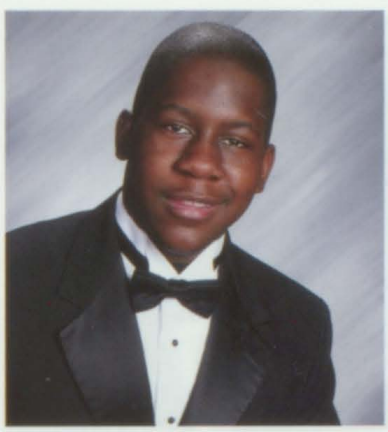


Shareef Laing

Class of 2009



Titilayo Lawal



RaSaan Lawrence



Darnella Lee



Tajh Lee

Class of 2009: My Secret Crush

SHARIF: Shante O'Niel

LATIFAH: It's a secret. shhhhh!

RASAAN: Maddeem Leanna Simmons

SHAREEF: Myself



Tajia Lee



Jude Lerissant



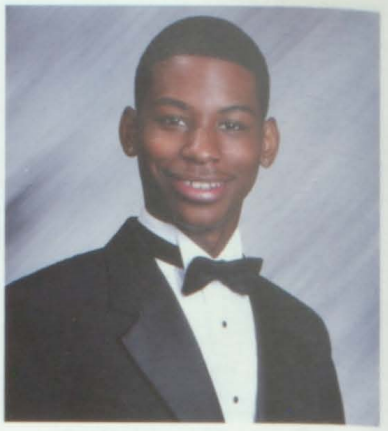
Tiara Lewis



Regina Lightsey



Al-Tia Lindore



Coredrees Lindsey

Class of 2009: My Best Friends

TIARA: "Asia Covington"

COREDREES: "Ibn, Thomas, and Abdul"

SHAQUAN: "Shanea Brown"

SHAKILAH:"Takia aka My Ugg"



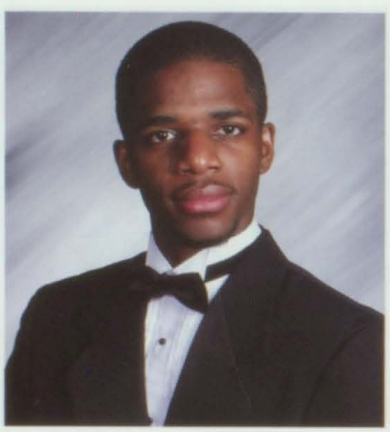
Stefon Little



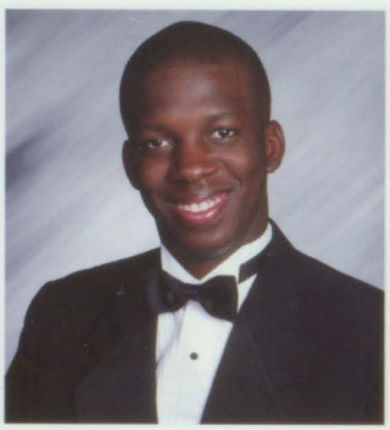
Nila Littlejohn



Jeremy Lopez



Shaquan Marks



Jadon Matthew



Najee McCargo



Shakilah McCargo

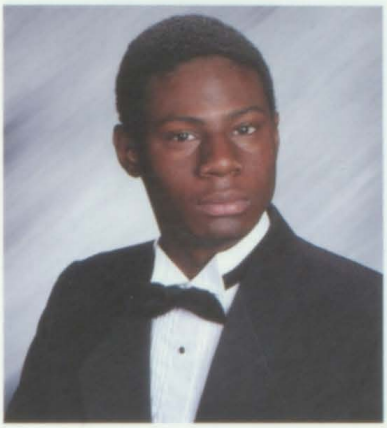


Karaan McCargo-Allen

Class of 2009



Malikah McCoy



Davon McDaniels



Deanna Mckinney



Ernisa McLendon



Shaniah McLendon



Lashonda McNeal

Class of 2009



Kai-Tanya Miller



Kevin Miller



Shanteria Mobley



Katerina Montford

Class of 2009: Our Favorite Cartoon(s)

ERNISA: Bugs Bunny

SHANIAH: Tigger, My friends Tigger and Pooh

KEVIN: Family Guy and South Park

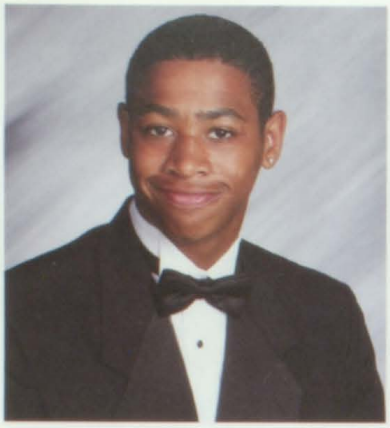
KASEY: Tweety Bird



Kasey Mosley



Naliyah Muhammad



Saif-Ullah Muhammed



Tammara Murphy



Ajilah Nelson



Shante O'Neal

Class of 2009: My Best Friend(s)

Saif: They know who they are

Ashley: "Jasmine (Jazzy B)"

Dashawnah: "Ernisa, and Kevin"

Theodore: "Justin"



Ashley Oke



Esther Olaniyi



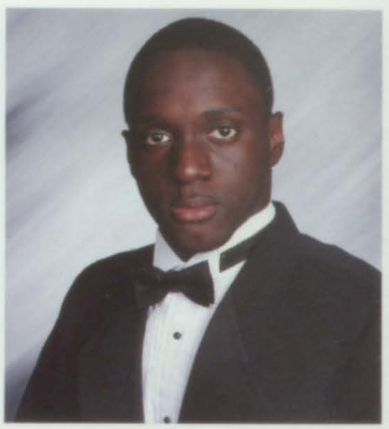
Dashawnah Palmer



Asia Patterson



Fetalyah Paul



Mark Payne



Imani Peterson



Theodore Poinsette

Class of 2009



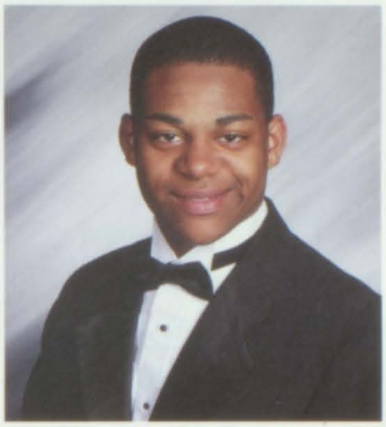
Darryl Porter



Dajauhn Quittley



Tamika Raymond



Nicholas Russel



Al-Nisa Sampson



Sophia Scriven

Class of 2009



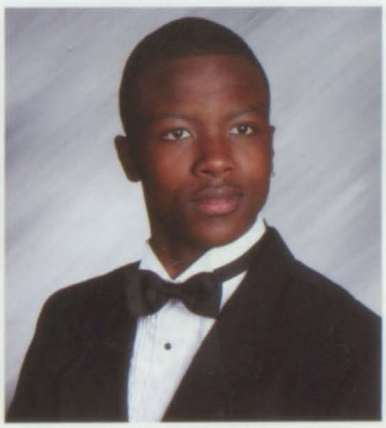
Rayvon Selph



Nafeesa Shadding



Lamis Shakirullah



Qwame Shaw

Class of 2009: Our Favorite Cartoons

Darryl: Family Guy

Al-Nisa: Spongebob, and Family Guy

Qwame: Tom & Jerry, Rabbit

Iesha: Recess



Shalonda Shaw



Iesha Simmons



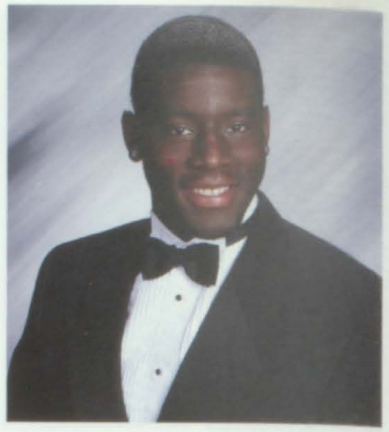
Ashley Slater



Devonte Sledge



Ebony Sledge



Dijon Smelly

Class of 2009: My Secret Crush

DIJON: "Kelly Rowland"

KIARA: "Al-Fuquan Hubbard"

SEAN: "Lauren London"

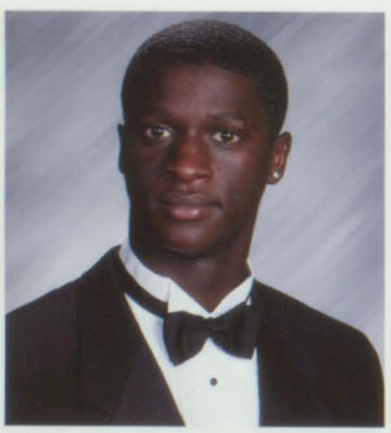
MARIAH: "Pharrell Williams"



Daaiyah Smith



Laniyah Smith



Dukpe Smith-Obasuyi



Sean Souels



Gifty Tellewoyan



Kiara Thom



Mariah Tillies



Wanda Torres

Class of 2009



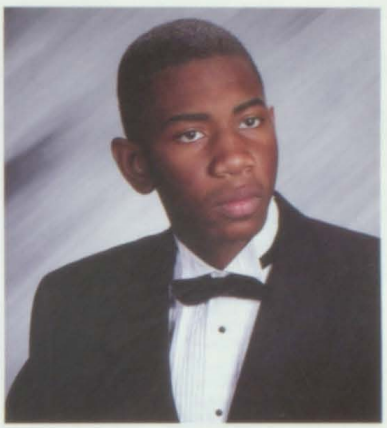
Khabira Venable



Rasheedah Wade



Kamil Walker



Xavier Walker



Lafreda Ware



Qatashia Washington

Class of 2009



Darin Weathers



Alexandria Williams



Camilla Williams



Khadeejah Williams

Class of 2009: My Inspiration(s)

KHABIRA: "My sisters and Lauryn Hill."

QATASHIA: "My Grandmother."

CAMILLA: "My brothers Perry and Marquis."

SHAKYAH: "My mother"



Shakira Williams



Shakyah Williams



Tajahn Williams



Taliah Williams



Asia Wilson



Jade Wilson

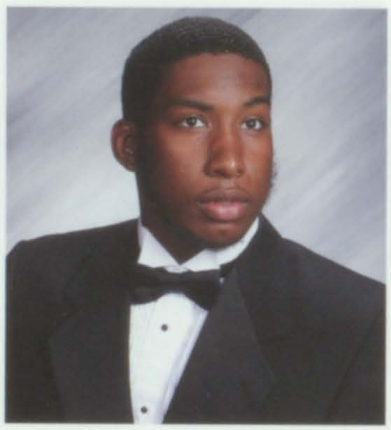
Class of 2009: My Best Friends

ASIA: "Yazmina"

HAZIRAH: "Nee-Nee, Marquis and Dimo"

AYESHA: "Brandis"

JASMINE: "Najee Conover"



Kelton Wilson



Hazirah Winbush



Nadira Winstead



Ayesha Wright



Jasmine Yelverton

Class of 2009

SCHOOL LIFE

School is a daily routine for us
In the morning, we're sure to make a fuss
Even when the sun is still not up,
Here we are, awake at 6am sharp

We feel that school is such a bore
We feel that school is such a chore
Parents say, Schools great! Now, go!
We say, Well, what do you know?

Late a minute and we have to run
Eyes half open, shoelaces undone
We reach school and we see our friends,
Immediately, the torture ends

We have a chat and go with the flow
Then the bell rings, it is time to go
We may at times find school stressful
To have some fun, we have to bend some rules

Talk back to teachers, and detention we serve
No doubt, it is sometimes what we deserve
Sometimes they are as cold as ice
And other times they're actually really nice

They teach us and give us a helping hand
Theyre forever ready to listen and be a friend
They have built much confidence in us
Just not when they are being really harsh

Over the years of education,
Never have we had so much learning with action
Such as camps, experiments, concerts and activities
Weve learnt so much and even saved the trees

A wise teacher once said aloud -
Success is failure turned inside out
So stick to the fight when youre hardest hit
Rest if you must, but dont you quit

Some may see school as a torture chamber
Some cannot wait for the holidays in December
But it depends on how we look at school
Honestly, positively, school is cool!

Our School Song

Weequahic High's Alma Mater

Written by Dr. Henry Melnick

Onward through the rough Weequahic banner is flung
Our orange and brown high on the totem is hung
Untouched, unscathed relentless through the night
Weequahic will remain strong and victorious through the fight
Indian pride reigns forever 'till the very end

A soldier, warrior, our pride to defend
We'll fight to do or die
To win for you strong Weequahic High!!!

And through the mist and fog we see our totems on the hill
We stand proud and watch it gleaming ever still
We chant your praise with a will,
To you all glory will come by
Then hail; strong Weequahic High,
All hail to you, we pledge our faith, our honor true
Your name forever ring Weequahic High School.

What's The Most Memorable Moment of Your Senior Life?

TEST YOUR GREEN EYED MONSTER!!

Just how jealous can you be? Take this quiz to find out how big your green eyed monster really is.

Start Here

Your lab partner just won a trip to Hawaii. You...

- Ask to see pictures when they get back.
- Complain that it should have been you.

Your crush just started dating one of your siblings. You...

- Wish them luck. It's his/her loss.
- Secretly try to break them up.

Your significant other just got a new job that pays twice as much as yours. You...

- Remind him/her that your job is much cooler.
- Congratulate him/her.

Your worst enemy just got a new Mustang. You...

- Admire the car from afar. You'll get your own someday.
- Egg the car. Serves them right!

Your friends just bought the last pair of shoes you've been looking forward to purchasing. You...

- Tell them that you like the shoes.
- Tell them the shoes are ugly and not to wear them.

You can admire the possesions of others and still understand that you have special things as well. You understand that the grass isn't always greener on the other side.

You aren't the type to be extremly jealous, but at times you can become a little green-eyed monster. Don't worry though, being jealous is normal. Just don't let it get out of control.

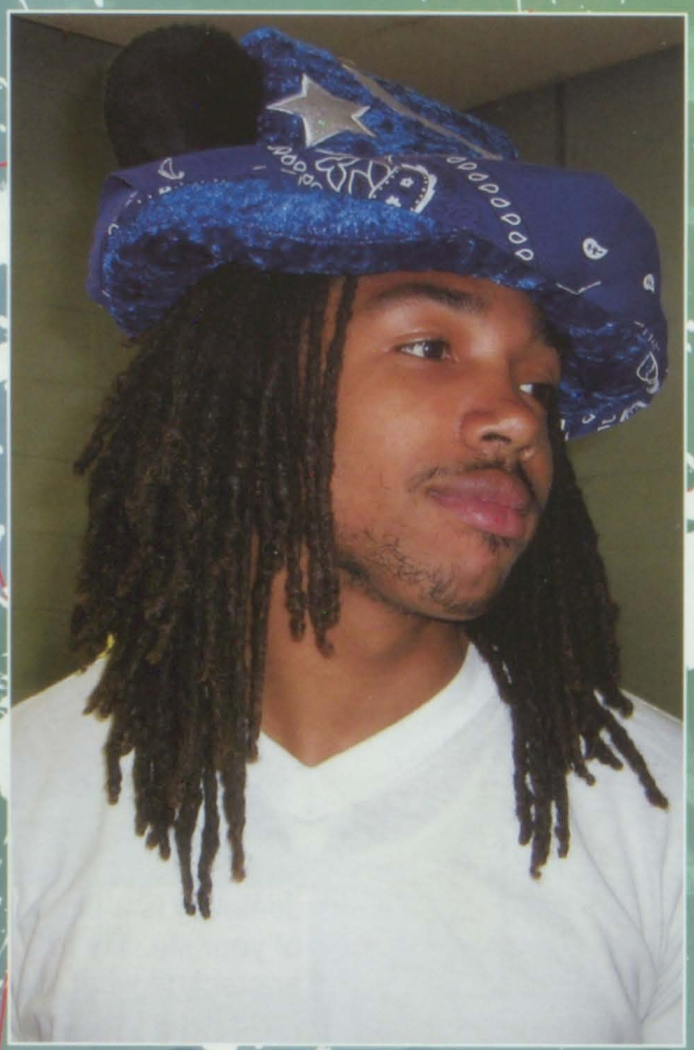
A less talented player made team captian. You think it should have been you. You...

- Work hard this year and hope for better luck next year.
- Make a way to sabotage them and take their position.

Jealousy is a big part of your life. Try to appreciate what you have. Don't focus on the assets of others. It's not having what you want. It's wanting what you've got.

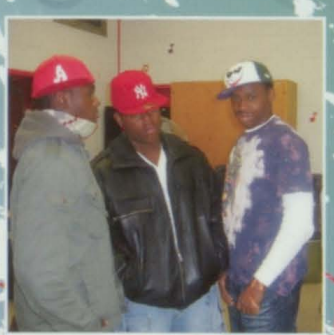
This Is Our Life!
Class of 2009

Take a look as the Class of 2009 as they showcase their stylish hats on Hat Day!













A friend is one that knows you as you are, understands where you have been, accepts what you have become, and still, gently allows you to grow.

William Shakespeare











Senior Life

















Senior Life











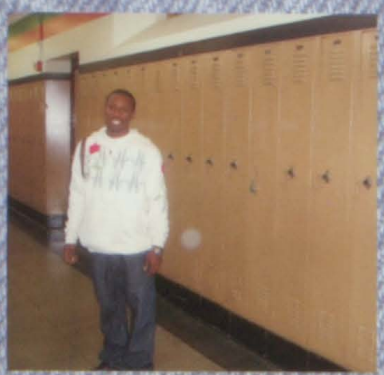


Weequahic Staff participates in "Jeans Day"





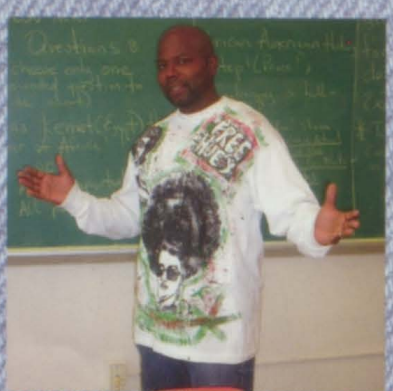






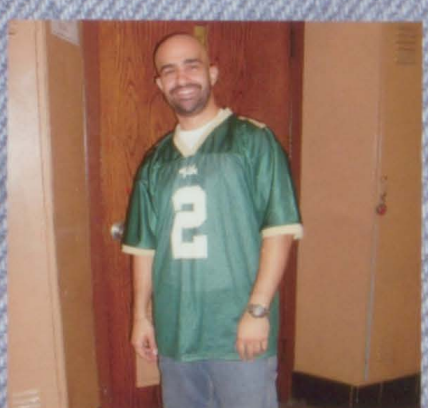










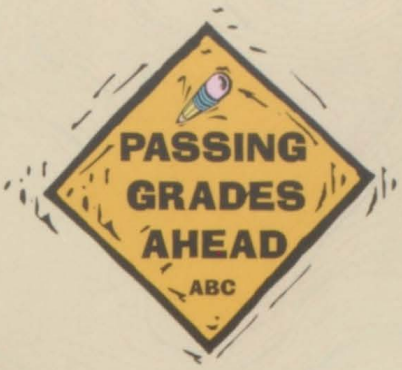




Nerd Day!!!



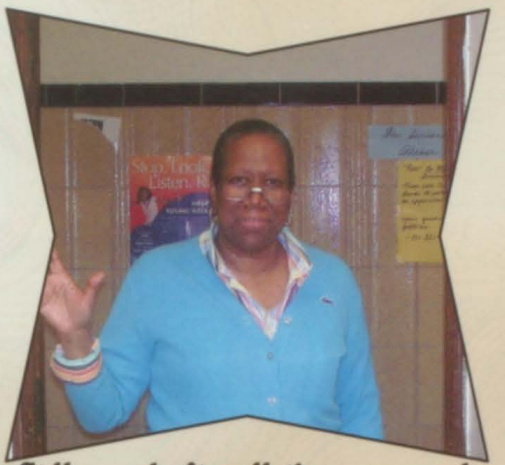
Joyce has her pencil and is ready to work!



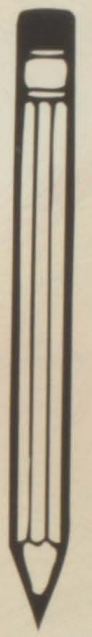


Who says nerds can't look cute? Brytknea doesn't think so!!





Still a nerd after all these years, and still going strong!!!!





Look at my glasses!



Did I do that?!?!



Mrs. Steve Urkel walkin' down the hall!!!

Senior Twin Day











The senior class showcased just how alike they really are. Our ***Senior Twin Day*** *wasn't just like another day in our* ***Spirit Week****, this day was most special. It was a success and an overall learning experience. It brought out all of the things we as students share.It was fun and unforgettable.*



Senior Twin Day





Double Trouble

Future Career Day



Shaniah the Business woman!!



Charles has the look of a future teacher.

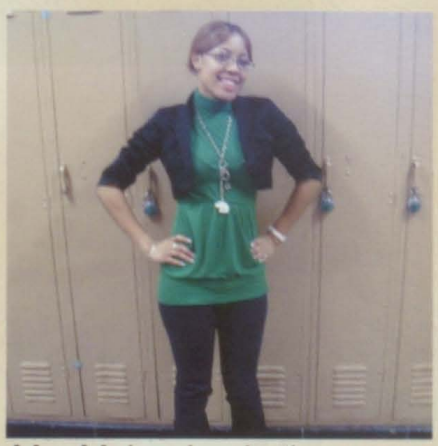


Attention! Halt! We salute future Gen.ThomasHayes.



Is that a future doctor I see?





Ms. Mclendon is the name. In my classroom there are no games!!!



Anyone need nurse Brytknea's assistance???



Seniors At Work!



We nurses have to stick together, through high blood pressure and sick patients.

Pajama Day

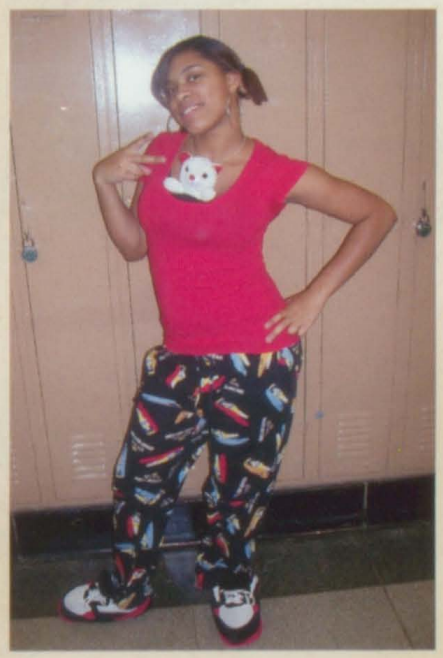












Seniors After DARK





Mix & Match Day!!!!!



I'm so ready for the catwalk!!



This is why I'm hot!



Check out my shoes!



Caught by the Paparazzi!!



Are we coordinated or what ????



Time for my closeup!!



Strike a pose!!



Just call me glamorous!!!

Crazy Sock Day!!!!!!



Even though we can't see all of their faces, you can't miss these socks. They are just outrageous!



And the award for craziest socks goes to...Shaniah Mclendon!!!

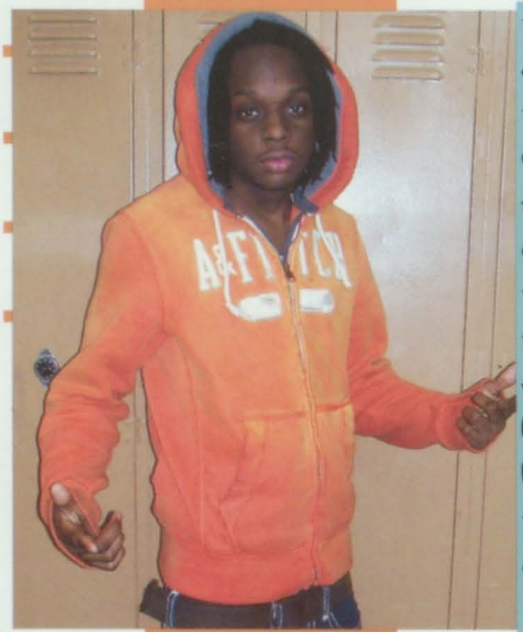


Dezzi is the true definition of a Punk Sock Rocker!!!



Don't let the age fool you, Ms. Bryant can get down with Crazy Socks Day too!!! LOL

WHAT'S YOUR STYLE?



-My style is exquisite.
- My style is unique because I set off from others.
- My influences are Pharell, Jim Jones, Juelz, Kanye West and Lupe.
-I like to dress casual.

-Tajh Lee



- My style is sophisticated and exquisite.
- I look at magazines and see what is in style and I watch the videos and see how they dress.
- I like to change my style up, one day I might wear heels, the next I might wear boots.

-Jaliyah Bateman

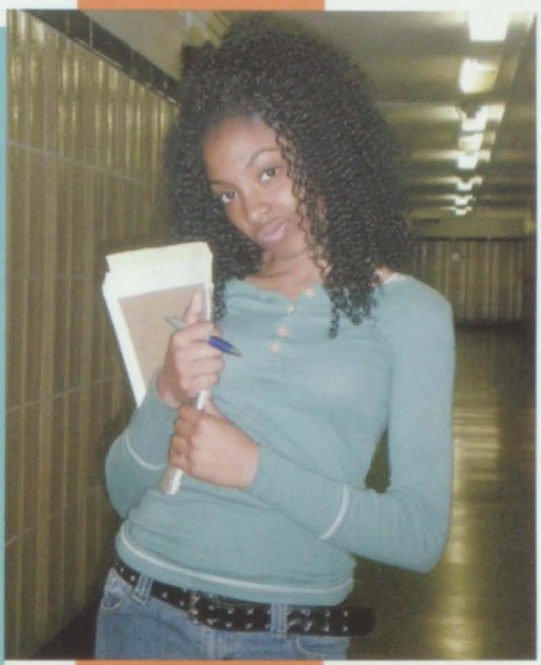




- I'm funny, laid back, and just a cool dude.
- I'm myself 24/7. I don't need a crew.
- Biggaveli and Young Jeezy influence my style.
- I dress casual.

-Dashawn Vines

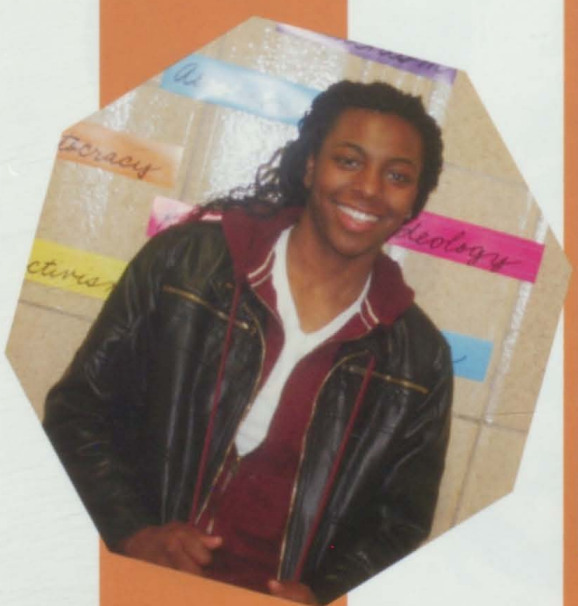
Is it dressy? Casual? Or maybe even sporty? No matter what your style is, you are unique. These proud Indians give us a taste of their unique trends.



-What's unique about my style is that I don't duplicate other people's wardrobes.
-It is decent and unique.
- Magazines and fashion designers' shows influence my style.
- Najah Burks



- I don't really try hard. Nice jeans, and a nice tee. Thats my style.
- I like to look at celebrities sometimes. But most of the time being comfortable dominates it all. Matching colors is so overrated.
- My style is more casual.
-Danielle Hunter



- My style is different. I try not to look like anyone else.
- No one influences my style. If you try to dress like someone else, it doesn't look right.
- My style is laid back.
-Titilayo Lawal







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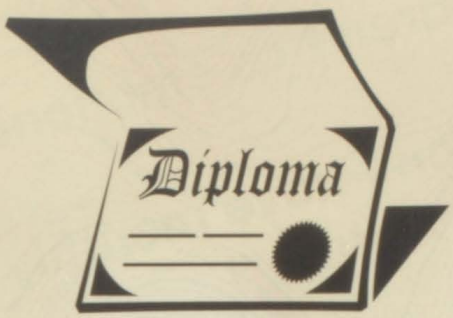
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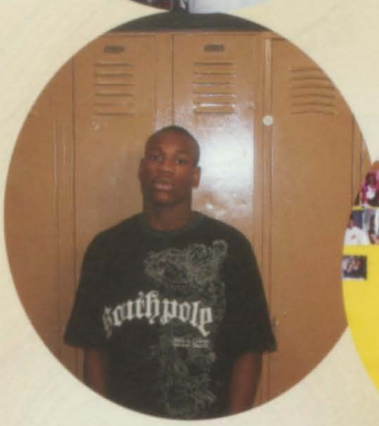




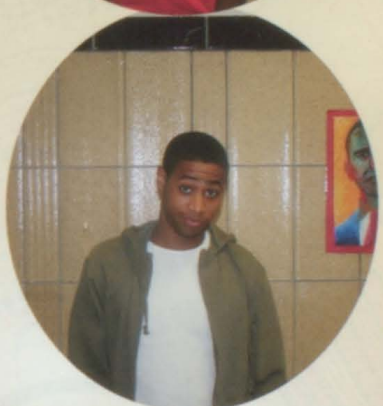











Why Are Boys Better Than Girls?

1. We are stronger!!
2. We aren't as emotional as Girls!
3. We don't have monthly gifts from "Mother Nature"!
4. We stick through everything as Homies!!
5. Everyone knows we mature faster!
6. We can take our shirts off in the summer!!
7. Our friendships last longer.
8. Without us there wouldn't be boys or girls!!!!





Why Are Girls Better Than Boys?

1. We mature faster! It's just a well-known fact.
2. We smell better.!!
3. We are simply FABULOUS!!!
4. We look better than the boys.
5. We go to college to get more knowledge!!
6. We take better care of ourselves!!
7. We get whatever we want!
8. Without us there wouldn't be any boys...duh!



CONNECT THE SENIORS!!



Courtney

known each other since kindergarten



Joyce

used to play tennis together



Mariah

survived one semester of Ms. Stackhouse together

on the Yearbook Committee



Nyjira

had drama together with Ms. Findley



Yasmeena

both born in January



Shaniah

you'd swear they were sisters! but they're actually cousins!

best friends!!



Kenyadah

always hanging out together



Ernisa



Emanuel

play basketball for the Lady Indians!



Aaliyah

chatterboxes!!!



Glennys

friends since the 5th grade



Sharif

both have the same birthday



Trenel

twins!! Lol



Asia



Ayo

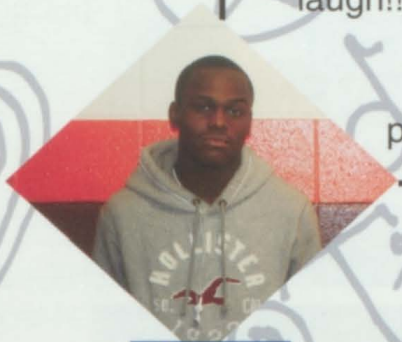
ran track for Weequahic



Saif

always make their friends laugh!!

lovebirds!!



Shahaad

play basketball



Dukpe

met their junior year at Weequahic



Shakayah



Latifah

played volleyball for Weequahic

can't be seen without a smile....Cheese!!

both are in Sisters about Progress



Alisha

can't be seen without each other



Katerina



Shayla

Where Do You See Yourself In 5~10 Years?



Trenei Davis- With a career in the medical field and attending a university to obtain my PHD.



Jaliyah Bateman- As a millionaire.

Shalonda Shaw- With lots of money.



Dukpe Smith- With a great job and wearing a suit.



Najah Burks- Hopefully living the life I've always wanted.



Jeremy Lopez- Computer management, designing and making music.

Desiree Baldwin- Working as a paid intern or being an assistant for a major fashion company. Also, furthering my education for business management.

DEDICATION

PERSERVERANCE

Where Do You See Yourself In 5-10 Years?

Qatashia Washington- Being a business woman and opening up my own daycare for children that are in need.



Anthony Grant- Owning a real estate company, a mechanic shop and having a family.

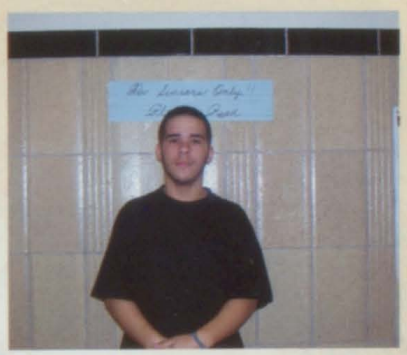
Ibn Ingram- Playing in the NFL.



Sharee Thornton- Finishing college for nursing and working in the medical field.



William Johnson- As a Newark Police Law Enforcement Officer.



INSPIRATION

AMBITION

DETERMINATION

Senior Lamis Shakir-Ullah's

Last summer, Senior, Lamis Shakir-Ullah took the trip of a lifetime. It was a twenty day adventure visiting six countries in Europe. Switzerland, the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, France, and London, England. Her adventures exposed her to fascinating sights, and led her to experience the lives of other cultures. She visited places such as the 'Inn River' in Switzerland, the Cuckoo Clock Factory, and went on a tour of a 315 staired castle in Germany. Lamis also saw where clog shoes were made in a family owned factory in the Netherlands.

"The castles, the artwork, the people, their lives, the huge mountains, the shops, the museums, and the historical events that we explored are forever with me. I tried very hard to soak up the different cultures, food, and history from each place that we visited. I was determined to do all of the things I wasn't used to doing in the U.S. because I wanted to enjoy all of it.... I returned to the U.S. with a different attitude about me and about other people. These experiences enabled me to appreciate the U.S. more. I learned so much through this journey and I am ready to experience more journeys like this one."

Lamis Shakir-Ullah



Lamis in Omaha Beach, Normandy



Another showcase of the beautiful artwork



Unforgettable Memories!!



The adventure of a lifetime!!



"It was a trip of a lifetime for me. When I was selected to become a Student Ambassador for the People to People Organization, I was truly surprised."
—Lamis Shair-Ullah





Summer European Adventure !!



An old stone building in Brugge, Belguim.



Lamis in Switzerland.



Lamis at the Eifel Tower.



The clog shoes that were made in Holland. Can you imagine walking in these??



The Mona Lisa

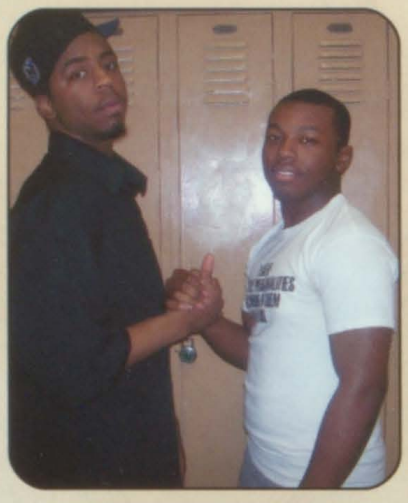


Lamis and a Palace Guard.



A glance of the Peace Palace

Were the demands of senior life getting you down? Take a look at these pictures and remember the good times. SENIOR YEAR WAS A BLAST!!!!!







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Class of 2009!!!!!

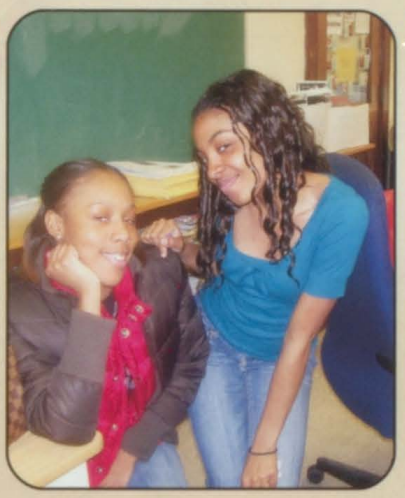
Faces To Remember























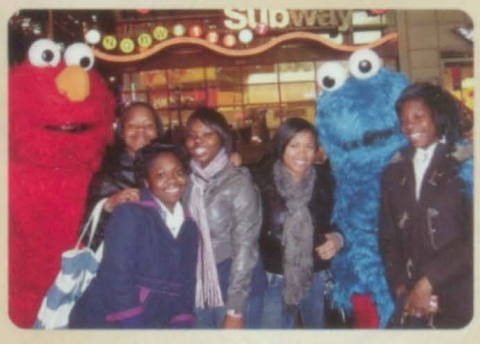










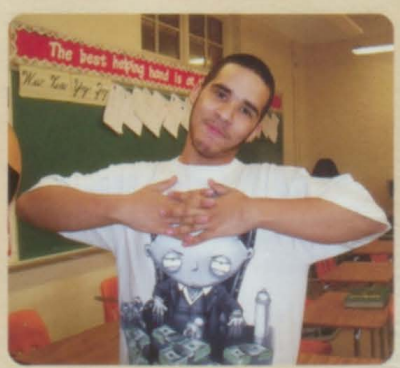
Class Of 2009!!!

Seniors Say Something....



I would have to say that the best part of senior year was the realization that this was my last year of high school. It really made me concentrate on my studies and was a wake up call that it's time to focus on my future and not just what's going on now.

Mariah Tillies



Well, I would have to say the best part of being a senior is that you get a lot of college acceptances and learn many things that you didn't know. You also have lots of fun things to do. Also, waiting for that big day called 'Graduation' is overwhelming. Saying so long to your classmates is sad.

William Johnson

Who Were Your Most Memorable Winners?

AND THE WINNER IS...



Tyree Adams

Homecoming King





Sarah Caldwell

Homecoming Queen





Shaniah Mclendon
Miss January



Ashley Hollins
Miss Febuary



Shaquanah Montford
Miss March



Tabithia Vanover
Miss April



Nyjira Hill
Miss May



Tykeyanna Walker
Miss June



Alisha Bethea
Miss July



Al-Nisa Sampson
Miss August



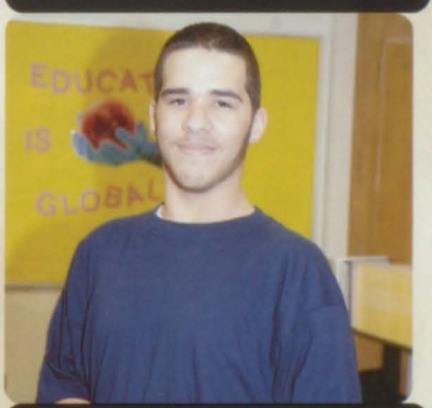
Sade Jones
Miss September



Joyce Johnson
Miss October



Shakayah Williams
Miss November



William Johnson
Mr. December

Indians Homecoming Parade Indians



















The Weequahic High School Marching Band & Cheerleaders Spread Their Indian Pride Through The Streets Of Newark

I.P



Weequahic Indians

Homecoming Parade

Weequahic Indians





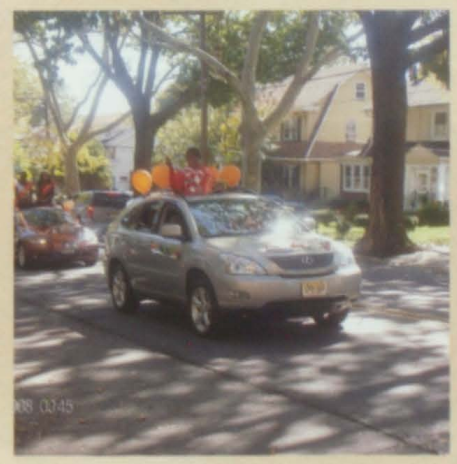




















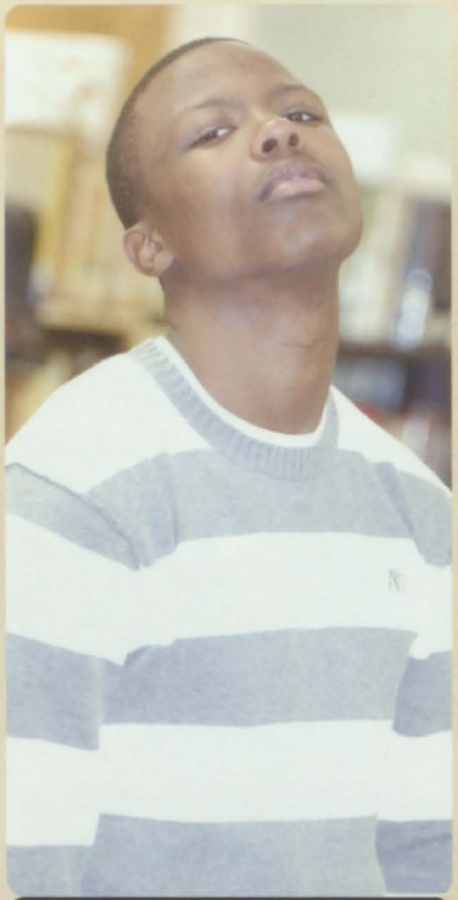
AND THE WINNER IS....



Iesha Simmons

Best Dressed

Tajh Lee



Qwame Shaw

Class Clown

Tyeisha Jackson



Kenyadah Hopkins

Most Athletic

Khirey Daniels









Dashawn Vines

Mr. and Ms. Weequahic

Qatashia Washington



Mariah Tillies

I'm The Only One Who Gets My Jokes

Courtney Brown



Najee Conover

Most Dramatic

Kia Bowers







AND THE WINNER IS....



Kiara Thom

Best Smile

Coredrees Lindsey



Dijon Smelly

Most Outspoken

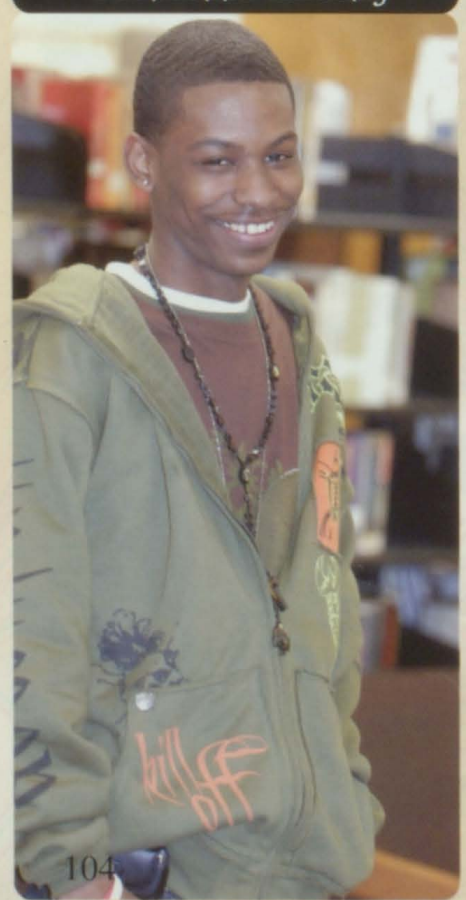
Na-irah Williams



Titilayo Lawal

Mr. and Ms. Nice Guy

Princewell Agbontane









Najee Conover

Most Unique

Latifah Lacy



Sharif Kilpatrick

Best Couple

Shante O'Niel

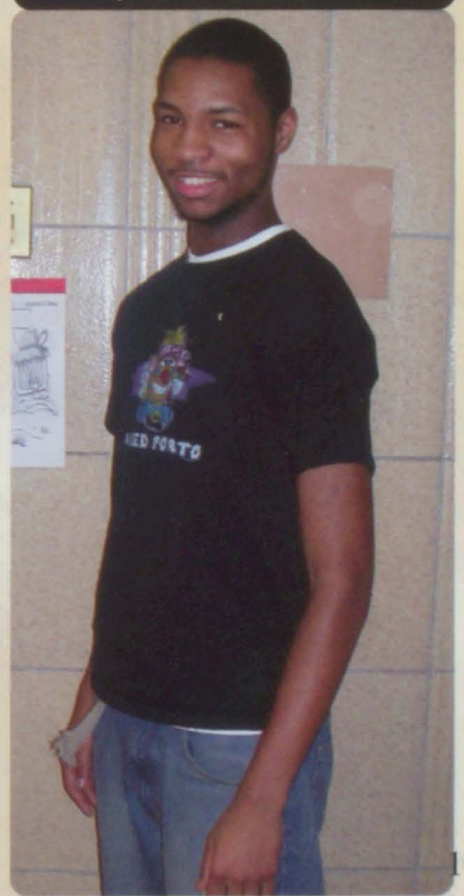


Sophia Scriven

Most Artistic

Asmar Bouie











Weequahic Brings Back the School Store!!!!

Senior class advisors Ms. Cureton and Ms. Gray revived the school store for the 2008-2009 school year. They currently sell backpacks, pencils, umbrellas, scarves, and hats among other things. To spark an interest in the store, teachers were given vouchers to present to students who could use them to purchase merchandise of their preference, such as class shirts or sports memorabilia. This was a great way to revive the school spirit that Weequahic had once lost. I.P!!!!!!







Class of "2009". Wow! This is finally the end of high school for us, but the beginning of new possibilities and experiences.

I have had the wonderful experience of meeting so many great people. Most of my memories that I have of Weequahic would not be possible without you.

Having the chance to represent our school as President of the Student Council has been an honor and a learning experience. I have had the opportunity to spend time with our class and enjoyed developing good relationships that will last a lifetime. High School was really fun, especially sharing so many activities with all of you. We all got to make new friends and new memories that would help us separate elementary from high school. Now we're graduating from high school and entering the real world. I have had fun, learned so much and thanks to some, I am a better person. Have fun in life and make every moment count.

Sincerely,
Your Class of "2009"Student
Council President
Shaniah McLendon

President Barack Obama

Nation Elects First Black President In Historic Election

Other Thoughts on The Election...



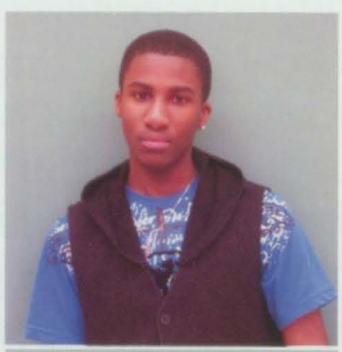
I think it's great that we finally have a Black President. It's been too long that people have looked down upon our people. Now we can look up to Barack Obama and say, "He did it, so why can't I?" I'm glad I lived to see it. Obama is my dude!!!!

-Mariah Tillies



Although the "War on Poverty" in America has taken a significant detour towards the intersection of stagnation, I think the election of Barack Obama is a productive thing for America. On one level, President Obama will help change the racist and Black self-hatred thoughts whites, blacks, and people of color share about each other. Moreover, on the next level, President Obama will work on addressing the unsolved issues of poverty, bad government, the "War on Terror", jobs and America's economic crisis, to name a few. Hotep (Peace)!

-Mr.Bashir Akinyele



President Obama's election is a ground-breaking addition to history. Not only for African Americans but all races. For once we as a country came together and helped create the history as it is known today. I just wish our new President the best of luck and I'm hoping he does his best to restore economic order back in this country.

-Courtney Brown



First, I congratulate our newly elected President Barack Obama. Obama received an extraordinary amount of criticism because of his age. And it was profoundly amazing how this election brought out so many young voters of all races. We now have a President who asks questions and listens to the views of the people, in order to better our country. I can see Obama gaining major global support from other countries, and I believe he will bring new direction to America.

-Ms. Panacarician



Class of 2009 Graduate Da'Aiyah Smith gives her account of the election.

A change was what citizens yearned for and that's exactly what they got on November 4, 2008. Barack Obama, former Senator of Chicago, and a graduate of Harvard University, fulfilled the citizens' long wished desire. Having the first African American as President of the United States of America was a blessing, yes indeed.

I have to honestly admit, I never thought the day would come that a man of my race would be head of these United States. We had so many people, before my time, who actually saw this coming. One in particular was a man of **JUSTICE, LIBERTY,** and most of all a man of **EQUALITY.** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a man who dreamed that one day both blacks and whites would unite and walk hand in hand, despite a person's color. For the most part, King's dream has become our reality. The other reality is, if it hadn't been for both blacks and whites, this country wouldn't have a man of black descent in office. Since the percentage of whites make up more than half of the U.S population, black votes couldn't have made a difference by themselves.

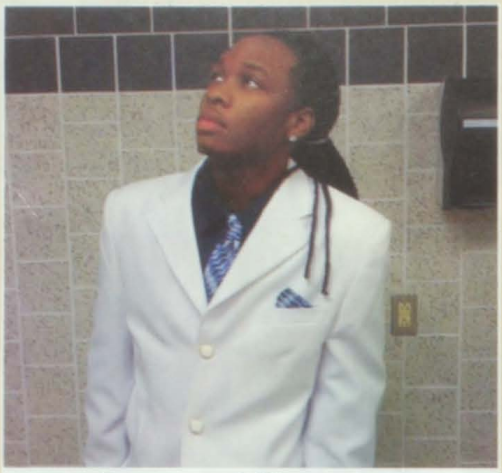
This election represents the beginning of a new journey and it's up to the youth to maintain the promise that has been given. We have an obligation to uphold our responsibility in this historical venture. This is the one and only way which will help many cope with their struggles in life. It is **EDUCATION.**

We are the future and if we don't have the right credentials, we will sadly be overlooked. It is up to us as a people to prove those who are prejudice wrong. Most of all, we have to prove to ourselves that we can achieve our dreams. Education is the Key. President Obama has provided us with a momentum to make our mark in the world and to demonstrate our true ability to make a difference. We cannot let him down or ourselves.



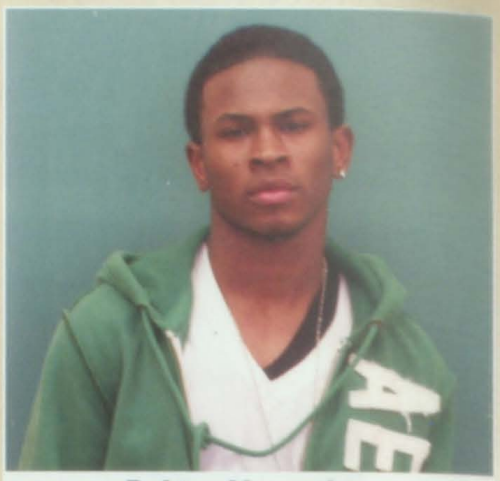
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Albright College
Tuskegee University
Rutgers University
Delaware State
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Emmanual Alexander

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Courtney Brown

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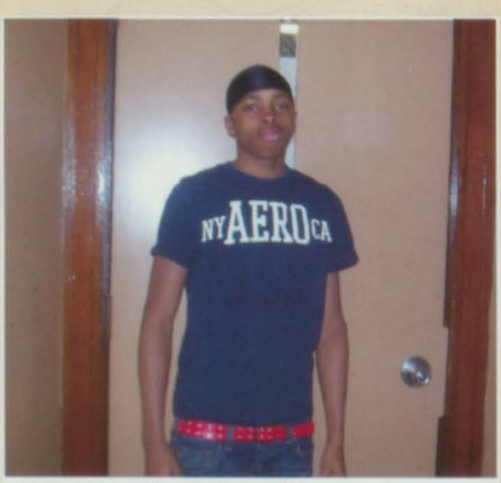
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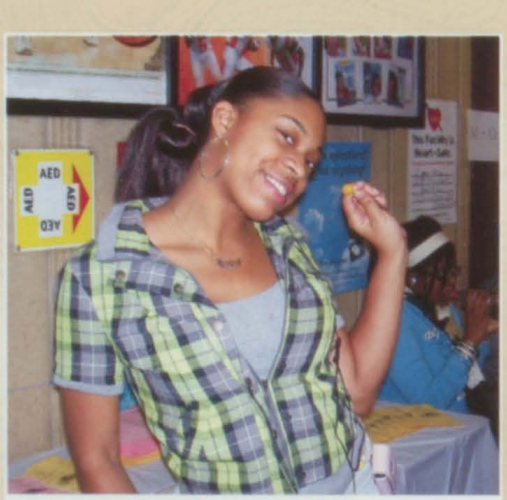
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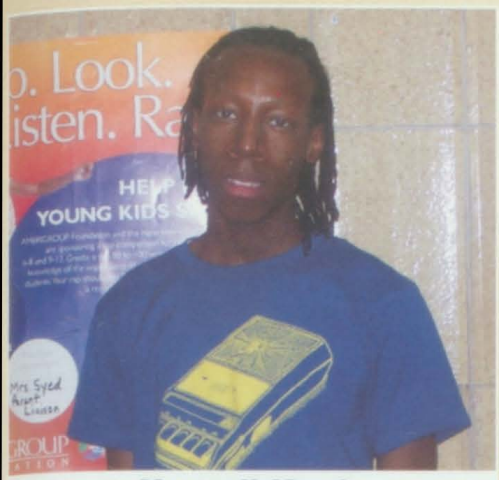
Central Pennsylvania
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Ayomipo Bajomo

Albright College
Wesley College
Fairleigh Dickerson
Saint Peters College
Seton Hall
University Of Bridgeport
Pennsylvania State
Ceder Crest College

College Acceptances!!!!



Montrell Moody

Richard Stockton College



Tammara Murphy

University Of Bridgeport



Yvonne Mensahn

William Patterson University



Mariah Tillies

Rutgers University
Seton Hall University
University of Kentucky
Caldwell College



Kai-Tanya Miller

Theil College
Virginia Union College



Katerina Montford

Kean University



Joyce Johnson

New Jersey City University
Saint Elizabeth College
Saint Peters College



Glennys Franco

Bloomfield College
Felician College



Tajia Lee

Caldwell College



Ms.Cureton & Ms.Gray
Class Advisors

Taking chances is always risky but **courage** alleviates regret. As we entered this school year, we have learned that sometimes we are set up in situations unknowingly and we have to figure out how to get out of them as we experience them.

This year was a very challenging year but we were **dedicated** to reach our goals personally and as a class. In life there will be many challenges that you will be presented with but if you remember that life is about taking chances and learning from your experiences, survival will never seem impossible.

Responsibility is an unspoken phenomenon that you cannot escape , so learn to embrace it. In the next few years you will learn that time waits for no one. In no time you will actually be grown and acknowledge a difference between the life you know and the life of a responsible adult.

These are the times to enjoy your blessings and to take advantage of every oppurtunity you will be given. You have your whole life to live so plan accordingly. No one can do it alone so keep your friends and family close. Learn to **trust** those people who have been by your side for both good and bad times and identify them as important people in your life.

Though our days as your class advisors were short lived, we enjoyed being able to interact with so many of you and trying to meet our challenges throughout the year. If there was nothing else you learned during your senior year, we hope you realized that nothing is promised. Things change each day and you have to be willing to either sacrifice or work harder to get what you want in life. Have **faith** in your decisions and learn from others' mistakes. Whatever direction you take, enter that path with your desire to leave a legacy behind.

Honor is the greatest indicator of respect. To all of you who have left a legacy here at Weequahic High School in academics, athletics, or with the people you have touched, we honor you and expect you to continue in your greatness. To the Class of 2009, we wish you many years of happiness and success.

Class of 2009 Addition

Inspiration- My inspirations would have to be none other than my Mom, family, and of course Almighty God.



Hassan Ellison













This YearBook Is Dedicated To.....



Ms. Janice Findley
Yearbook Advisor

Throughout our high school years, Ms. J. Findley has always been there to inspire and push us to achieve our goals. If it weren't for her, most of us probably would not have made it this far in our high school career. As we approach a new phase in our lives, she is a constant reminder that with hard work, self preservation, and dedication, anyone can reach the peak of their success. Although this is our last year, her wisdom and guidance will continue to lead us throughout our adventures in life. In the 38 years that she has worked at Weequahic High School, she has never lost faith in the potential of her students, or in the possibilty of what we can become. With the school year coming to a close, it is disappointing to leave, but we knew this day would come. With that being said, we would like to thank her for everything she has done.

Sincerley,
The Yearbook Staff

P.S- In the words of Ms. Findley, "Say no to Sex, Drugs, Violence, and Stupidity!"

Do You Remember These?
Our Freshman "I Am" Poems

I AM

I am young and sensitive
I wonder will the world ever end
I hear the voices of fate
I see the face of tomorrow
I want to be a well known actor
I am young and sensitive

I pretend to be a super model
I feel the touch of a miracle
I touch the hearts of angels
I worry I won't succeed in life
I cry when I feel hurt
I am young and sensitive

I understand there is no limit in life
I say we all serve a purpose
I dream of becoming a doctor
I hope to stay on top of my game
I am young and sensitive
I am Trenei Davis



TRENEI'S FRESHMAN PIC

I AM

I am smart and independent
I wonder why people take things for granted
I hear my grandmother's voice
I see her love
I want to achieve my dreams
I am smart and independent

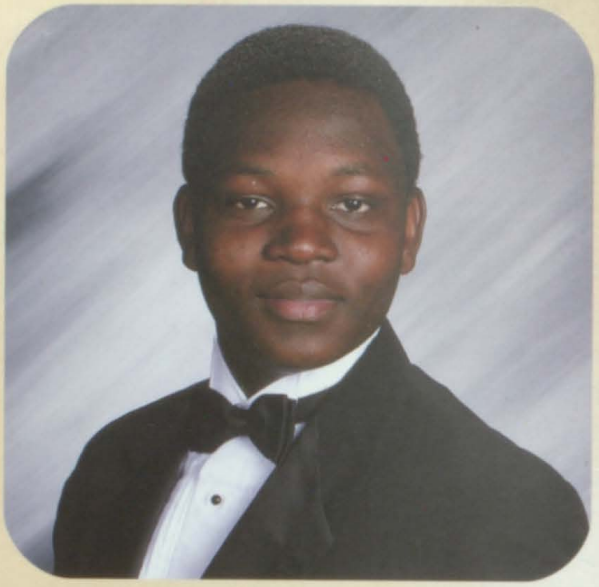
I pretend I'm on the red carpet
I feel like I can do anything
I touch my mother's love
I worry that I will not make it in life
I cry when I lose a loved one
I am smart and independent

I understand you can't always win
I say that everyone has a gift
I dream about being on t.v
I try to give it my all
I hope people believe
I am smart and independent
I am Mariah Tillies



MARIAH'S FRESHMEN PIC

Class of 2009 Valedictorian
Cornelius Awasola



Personally, my freshman year was the most challenging year for me, mainly because it was my first year in the country, and I had to get used to the way things were done around here. Although these last four years were more fun than I thought they would be, they were also educational.

It's a sad thing for all of this to be coming to an end, but reality says that it has to. Leaving high school doesn't mean the end of our lives, rather an introduction to the next chapter in our life's journey, an introduction of who we are as individuals. The legacy we leave in this chapter is what sets the plot for how the rest of our lives will be.

One of my English teachers once asked the class, "What is the meaning of life?" The most reasonable answer we could give is that life is meaningless. But I assure you, my life isn't meaningless. The meaning of life is what you make it. However, this can only be achieved through knowledge and experience.

The education and experience we now have is not enough for us to make a conclusion on what life is. It wasn't meant to be. That is why we must move on. I can say without a doubt, that the obstacles we've faced before are nothing compared to the ones we're about to face. Conquering those obstacles is what will make us great people. To the Class of 2009, good luck in your future endeavours and never forget, "Once an Indian, always an Indian." IP!!!

Class of 2009 Salutatorian
Ayomipo Bajomo



These past four years have been both challenging and rewarding at the same time. As we move into the next phase of our lives, we should definitely take with us the valuable things we learned as well as the friendships we made. Even though all of this is coming to an end, it is also the beginning of a new chapter. I wish everyone luck and success in whatever they choose to do with their lives.

To the friends that I have made (Esther, Cornelius, Dukpe, Mariah, Jay, Kim, and Courtney), I hope our friendship goes beyond high school. I love you guys and good luck to the Class of 2009. Peace and I.P!!!

Yeah we know...we're hard to forget!!!









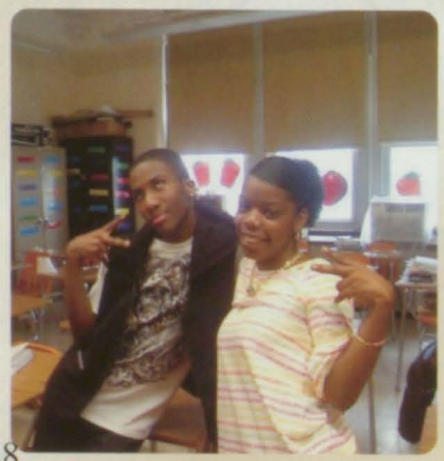
















Seniors Say Goodbye

There's Never a Right Time to Say Goodbye.



I wanna say goodbye to all my dudes and to all my fans. LoL
Jasmine Mott



I want to say goodbye to all the females that hated on me....I love ya'll!!!!
Tyeisha Jackson



I want to say goodbye to Sisqo.
Najee Conover



I want to say goodbye to all the members of my fan club. Also all of my homies out there getting money.
Sharif Kilpatrick



I want to say goodbye to the people from Short Hill....Bump, Na-Irah, and Danielle.
Iesha Simmons



I want to say goodbye to my R.O.C Boys and all the ladies that love Da-Da.
Dashawn Vines



I want to say goodbye to all of my R.O.D chicks and my friends. I also want to say goodbye to all my #1 fans. I wouldn't have done it without you all.
Chanel Grant

GOODBYES

Seniors Say Something...

Do you remember your first day at Weequahic? Your favorite high school memory with your friends? Take a trip with these seniors as they give thier last words of wisdom



I'm going to miss a lot of things about Weequahic. Especially all of my friends because when we graduate most of us aren't going to see each other afterwards. I'm going to miss my friends for real.

Ibn Ingram



Four years at Weequahic was fun and crazy. There were bad days and good days with teachers and students. I want to say good-bye to all of my friends and my favorite teachers. I will truly miss playing high school basketball and all my teammates who are like my family. Good luck to everyone in their future endeavours.

Kenyadah Hopkins aka (K-Hop)



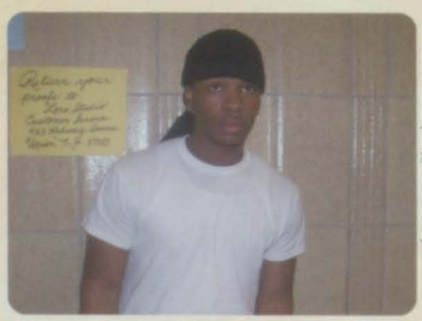
I am intellectually trapped in the body of an athlete. If I can make one thousand people smile, then I can CHANGE the world.

Dijon Smelly



I came to Weequahic not knowing who I was going to meet or what I was going to face. The outcome has really surprised me. I have met lifelong friends and teachers who have really helped me get ready for the outside world. I will never forget what Weequahic has done for me.

Qatashia Washington



Never take Ms. Stackhouse's class; stay away from Mr. Healy, and Ms. Springer is the hardest teacher you will ever meet.

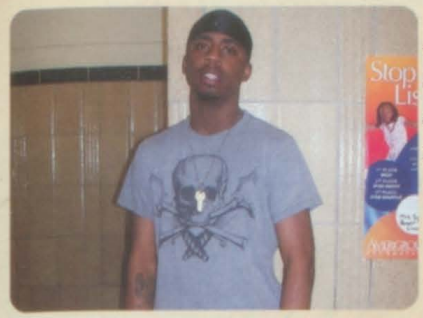
Emmanuelle Alexander



My friend Jaliyah and I were new to this school. In no time everyone loved us. We also got the nickname 'Fly Girls' from the yearbook staff. That will always be something to remember.

Shalonda Shaw

Weequahic Memories!!!



I wish everyone luck and I hope that we all make something of ourselves and achieve something great in our lives. I'm going to miss all of my homies (Ibn, Quame, James, Rah, Samourie, and Diggy). What I will miss most about Weequahic are the pep rallies, and my favorite teachers Ms. Findley and Ms. B.

Anthony Grant



Inside of Weequahic, I have grown to be a more positive person. I came in as a freshman not knowing what obstacles I would have to face. However, leaving as a senior, I have come to the realize that it really doesn't matter as long as you do what it is that you're supposed to do. I will forever miss these halls and I will never forget that these are the same halls where I met and grew to love my Lucky 7 girls. I will always remember the positive affect Indian Pride had on me.

Sharee Thornton



Don't let anyone tell you what you can or can not do. Whatever you do, just have passion. Life without passion is unforgiveable. If you need motivation, just look at me.

Tajh Lee



The day I found out I passed both parts of the HSPA was very memorable for me. I was extremely nervous and I thought I was going to cry, but I turned out extremely happy. My next moment will definitely be Graduation Day. Accomplishing this goal will enable me to go places that I have always dreamed of going. Shout out to the Pretty Committee. I love ya'll.

Tiarra



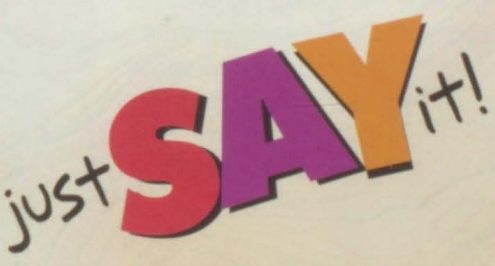
Do what you have to do early, so you don't have to worry about it later on in life.

Darryl Porter



Weequahic is the house of love. As IP blood leaks through our veins, those old childhood memories will never be lost. Weequahic is the home of the orange and brown. IP!!

Kai-Tanya Miller



Iesha Simmons aka Esh

Iesha always remember sparrows fly with sparrows and crows fly with crows. You be the leader and take your pick!Congratulations!!
Love,
Uncle Tyrone Aunt Jackie
Cousins Justin, J.J.



Alnisa Sampson

If you continue to keep God first in your life, you will always be successful .

Love always,
Grandma Corene



Iesha Simmons aka Esh

To my baby girl Esh,
I'm so proud of you and keep up the good work.
Luv You,
Big Cousin
Talia



Iesha Simmons aka Esh

To my big sister Esh,
You will always be my special girl!!
Congratulations & Good Luck!

Your little brother,
C.J



Iesha aka Esh

To my one and only Great Grand-daughter Esh-Esh,
Live all your dreams to the fullest. Congratulations
Love ,
NaNa



Iesha Simmons aka Esh

To our baby girl Esh,
There are so many obstacles set before us, but stay focused, determined and God will always lead you in the right direction. Congratulations
Love Always,
Mommy and Daddy



Iesha Simmons

Since you were a child I watched you patiently develop into the ambitious teenager I see today. Now as you take another step through life and complete this task of graduation, I see yet another cycle of your growth. I want you to know how proud I am of the young lady you have become and look forward to seeing you blossom into a mature woman.
Love,
Aunt Tash



Iesha Simmons

Each day we watch you develop more and more into an intellectual woman. as you flourish through this journey of life. We ask you to desire and take all that it has to offer. We are proud of the success you have completed thus far and anticipate what the future has for you. No matter what, we will always be there for you.
Much Love,
Grandma and Popapa



David Abdullah

Congratulations! We are very proud of you. Always know you can do all things relating to education through Christ Jesus who strengthens you. We love you and wish you all the best.

Your Family



Trenei Davis aka Nai Nai

I am so proud and impressed by what you have achieved over the years! You are a kind, caring, and wonderful daughter, who means the world to me. I wish you love, happiness and success in the years to come.

I love you!!
MOM



Hassan B.Ellison aka Lil Hass/ Batman

We are proud of you.Thank you for your life which is living proof that PRAYER works. You have been a blessing from the very beginning. Always place God first and there is nothing you can't have or achieve.

We love You "Hass"
Mom and Dad



Trenei Davis aka Nai Nai

Congratulations!!!

Good Job!

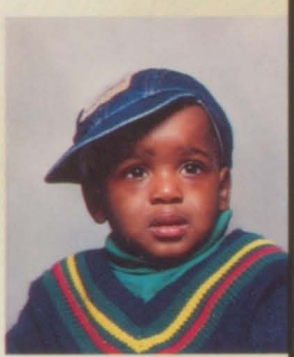
Wishing you much success and happiness in your future!
Love,

The ARINC Family



Hassan B. Ellison

We the "Love of Jesus Family Church of Newark" are happy for all of your accomplishments. We have you in our hearts and want to thank you for your commitment and participation as a Jr. Usher.Always remember God is the Beginner and the Finisher. Continue to grow into a beautiful man.
God Bless you,
Pastor Barbara Glanton



Trenei Davis aka Nai Nai

Congratulations!!

Wish you well in the future.

Good luck!!

Mike from ARINC



Lafreda Ware

My Darling Daughter...You are loved for the little girl were....the special young lady you are now....and the wonderful daughter you will always be. Stay focused on your goals....Have Faith in God for He will make all things mighty fine. Believe in yourself and do your very best at all times. Never lose sight for knowledge is the key. Congratulations, we are proud of you. A job well done.

Love Mom and Dad,

.

We love you infinity + infinity.



William Johnson

My Son,
We are so proud of you. You are graduating from high school and moving on to further your education in college. We wish you the best and hope you do become the police officer you've longed to be. You've made us so happy William.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Sharee Thorton aka Ree

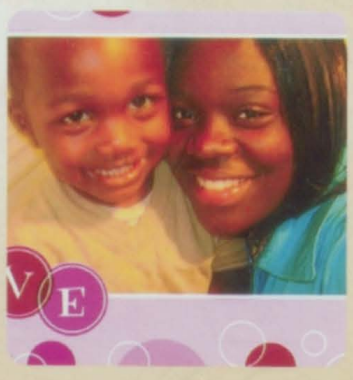
Cocoa,
Although I am not there with you in body, I'll always be with you in heart, soul and mind. Know that your big cousin is always watching over you. Make me proud!!
Jami J
8/10/81-7/3/08



I could never in a million years ask for a better sister-in-law. Im so proud of you Ree! You're a big girl now!!!
Love you Babes,
Camille D



Auntie Ree,
Good luck! Congrads!
Love ya S_ _ _ch
Love always,
Quayon



Sharee,
This was a long run. However you made it. Good luck! Keep your head up. You're one of a kind .
Love always,
Mommy and Anthony



To the best sister a guy and a girl could ask for! We love you Ree!
xoxo,
Peanut &Khaleemah



Sharee,
Your finally catching up! Best of cousins, close like sisters- I love you little cousin!
Toya "the older one"



Do You Remember These?
Our Freshman "I Am" Poems

I am



I am talented and smart
I wonder why people have to die
I hear angels singing
I see heaven in my dreams
I want to be successful in life
I am smart talented and smart

I pretend I'm rich
I feel the stars out of space
I touch the sky
I worry about my family
I cry when i lose a close family member or friend
I am talented smart and smart

I understand things can't always go my way
I say life isn't always fair but you have to deal with it
I dream I'm famous and wealthy
I try to be a very nice person
I hope I'll be be wealthy
I am Sharif Kilpatrick

I am



I am big and beautiful
I wonder what if
I hear my grandpa's voice
I see my grandpa's face
I want an actual job
I am big and beautiful

I pretend to be rich
I feel my grandpa's presence
I touch my grandpa's hands
I wonder what will happen
I cry on my grandpa's birthday
I am big and beautiful

I understand my grandpa's gone
I say do what you preach
I dream of a better community
I try to stay out of trouble
I hope I will live another day
I am big and beautiful
I am Shaniyah Jackson



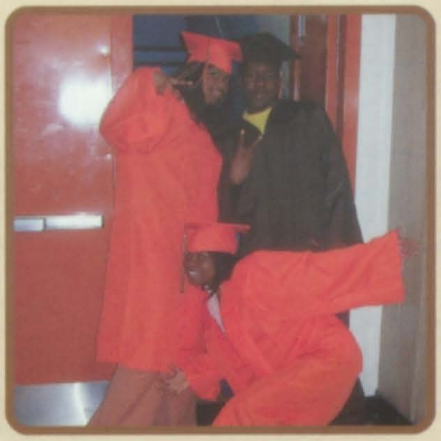
In Loving Memory Of
Bashir Davis
&
Ms. Keim Silva



Weep

Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there, I do not sleep
I am a 1,000 winds that blow
I am the diamond glints on snow
I am the sun on ripened grain
I am the gentle autumn rain
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled light
I am the soft star that shines at night
Do not stand at my grave and cry
I am not there; I did not die.

Seniors Saying Goodbye.....


...to the memories we once shared....





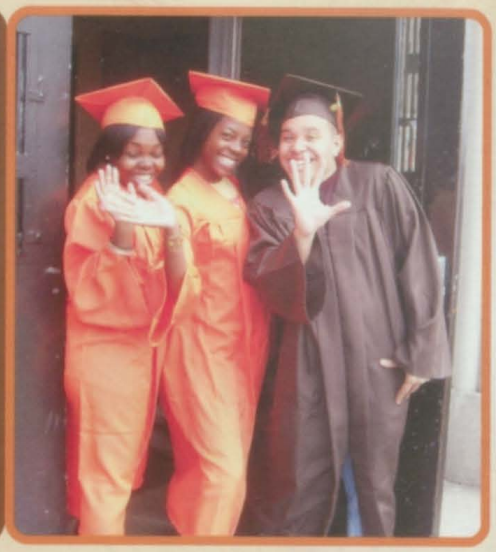
...and looking forward to new ones!!





Unforgettable friends.....



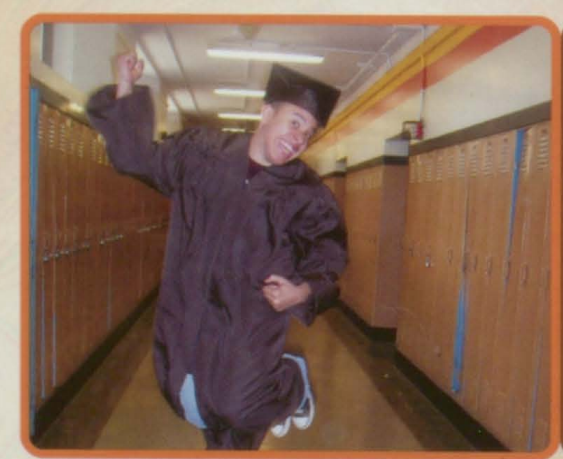


...with unforgettable spirits.





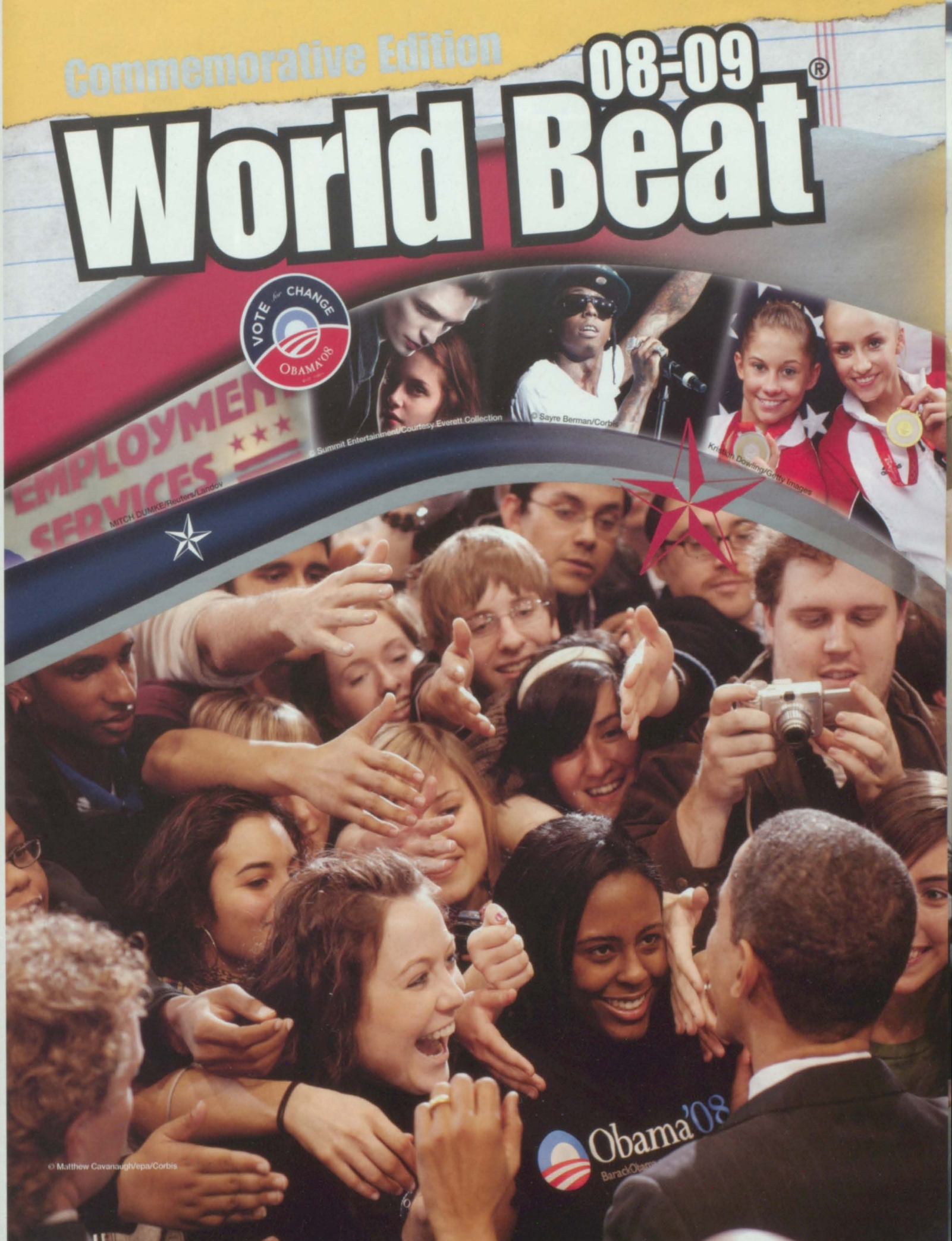
Here's To New Memories!!!!



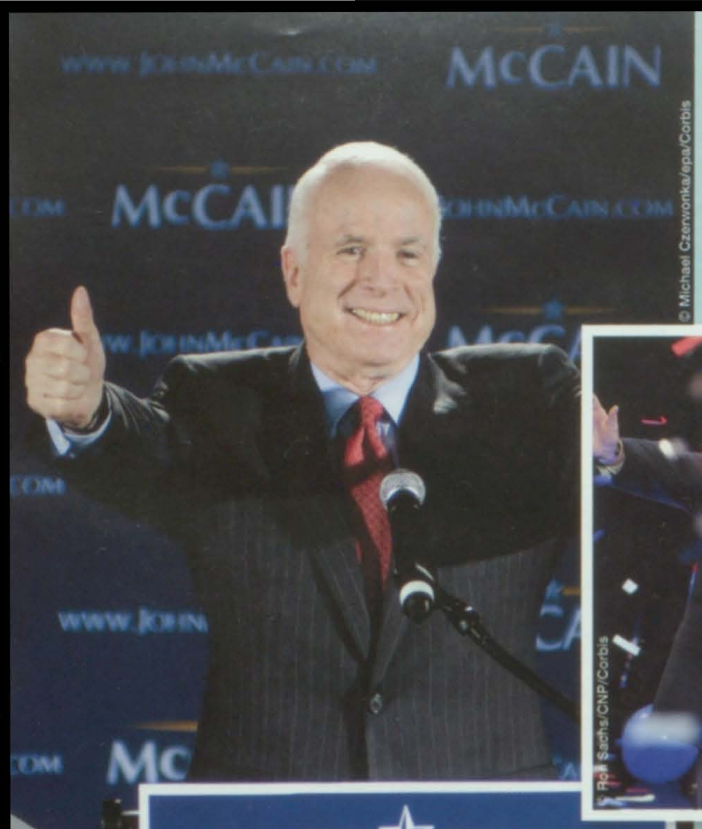


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Waves of Change

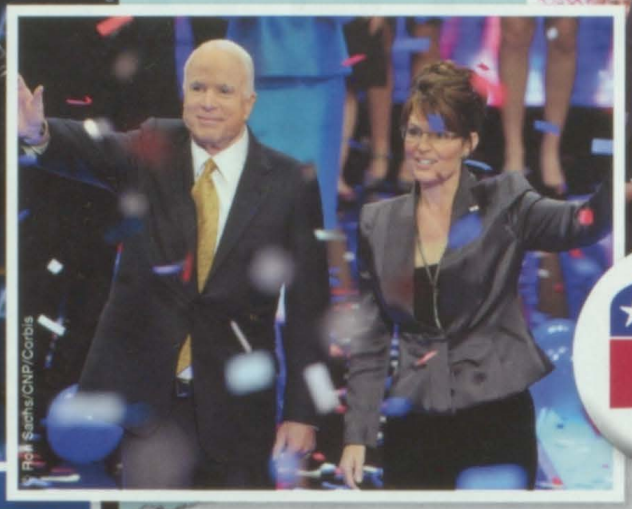


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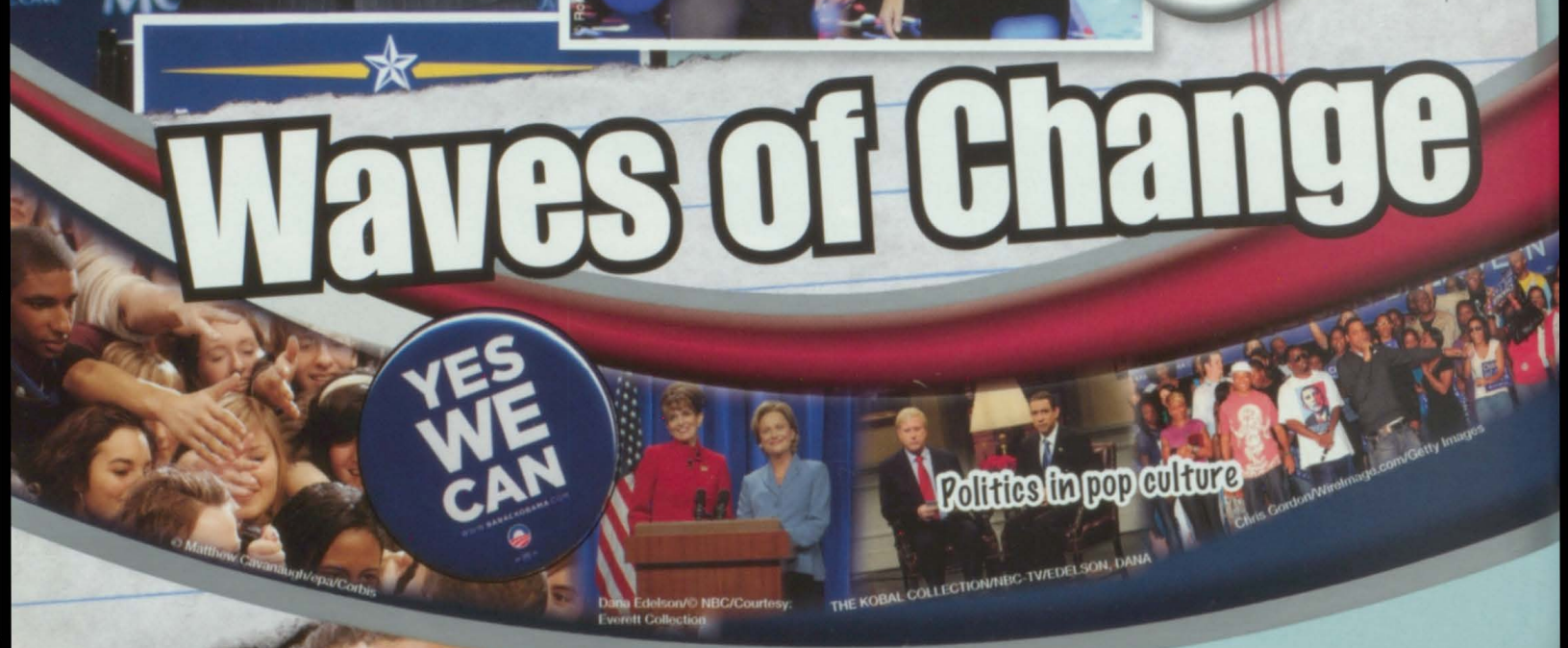
Arizona Senator John McCain wins the Republican nomination for president and names Alaska Governor Sarah Palin as his running mate. Palin is the Republican Party's first female nominee for vice president.



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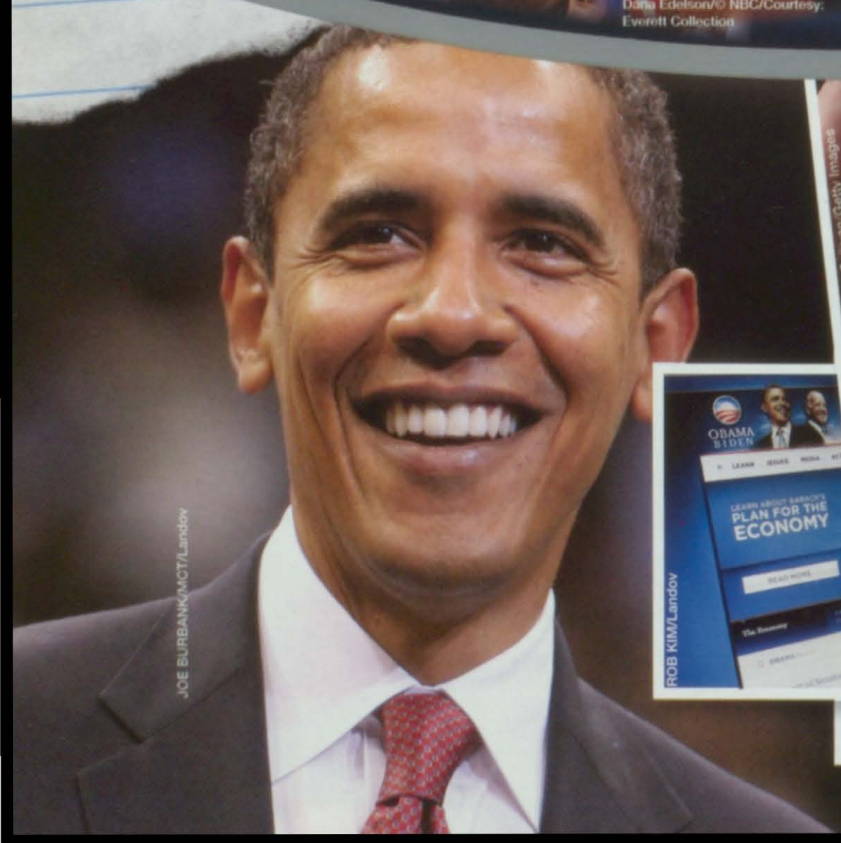
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Politics in pop culture

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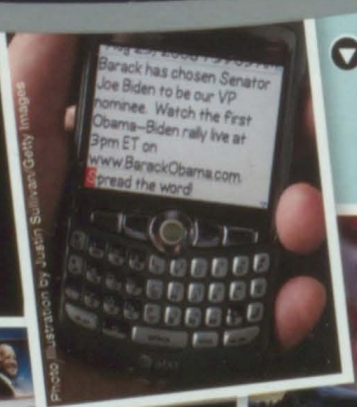


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Democratic Senator Joe Biden of Delaware becomes the 47th vice president of the United States. A member of the Senate since 1973, Biden brings long-time Washington experience to the Obama administration.



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Obama's grassroots organization and innovative Web campaign is credited with inspiring young and first-time voters to participate heavily in the election.

The values, fashion and personal vitality of the Obama family resonate with Americans. Public interest in the first family rivals that of the interest in the Kennedy family in the 1960s.

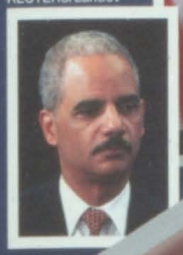

Obama Wins
Barack Obama makes history as the first African-American to win the presidency of the United States. The former Illinois senator promises an era of change that captures the imagination of voters nationwide.
REUTERS/Jason Reed/Landov
Electoral Votes
Obama 365
McCain 173
New York Times
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McCain/Palin run a strong campaign, winning 22 states. But they are defeated 53 vs. 46 percent in the general election and by a substantial margin in the Electoral College.
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McCain concedes
Celebrations around the world
PAT BENIC/UPI/Landov
USA TODAY
America makes history
Obama wins
'Change has come to America,' he says after election to presidency erases a racial barrier; Democrats make gains

Obama's Cabinet nominations









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In January 2009, president-elect Obama attends the ultimate power lunch in the White House, meeting and getting advice from President Bush as well as former Presidents George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter.

Getting prepared for office



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Souvenirs



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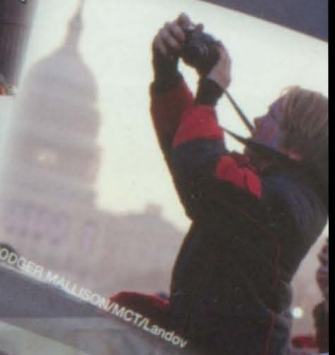


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The inaugural parade



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Inauguration 1-20-09



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Barack Obama is sworn in as the 44th president of the United States before millions in Washington, D.C. Obama's inaugural address calls for a "new era of responsibility" in the face of economic decline and a pledge to choose "hope over fear."

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During the inauguration ceremony, Malia Obama captures the moment from a unique point of view.



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"We have chosen hope over fear..."

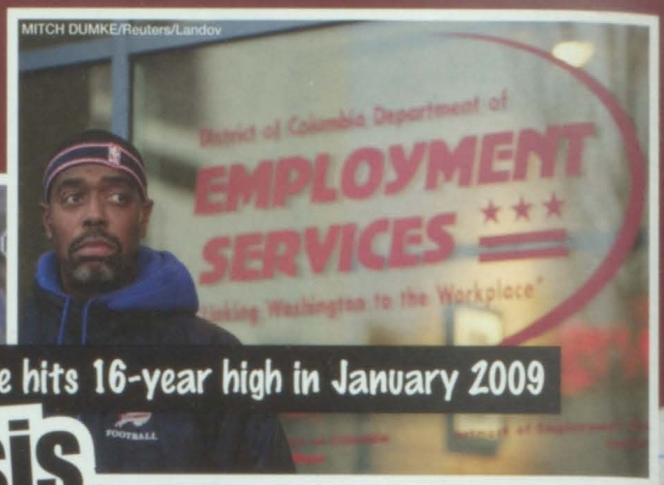


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Economic Crisis World News



Stocks plummet as years of excess in the U.S. housing market and lax supervision of financial institutions contribute to the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression.



Unemployment rate hits 16-year high in January 2009

With buying power declining in the consumer marketplace, companies nationwide are forced to lay off workers. The national unemployment rate hits 7.2 percent in December and is rising steadily. The hardest hit states are Michigan, Rhode Island, California and South Carolina.





Housing Foreclosures

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Detroit's struggling "Big Three" automakers, General Motors, Ford and Chrysler, request and are eventually offered a bailout package of just over $17 billion in December.

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS

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Many retailers are forced to file for bankruptcy or go out of business after being unable to rebound from the harsh economy and a very disappointing fourth quarter of 2008.

Teens work part-time



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Gas prices up and down



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The world's "hot spots" center around the Middle East. Israel mounts a major offensive against Hamas in Gaza, the United States continues to oppose the Taliban in Afghanistan and insurgents in Iraq, and in August, Russia attacks its southern neighbor, Georgia, in a dispute over western influence in the area.

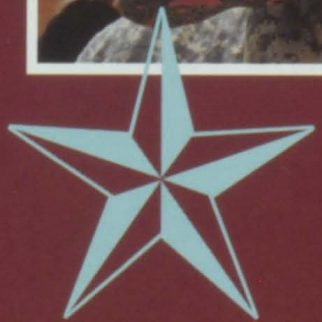


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Support our Troops



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"Miracle on the Hudson"

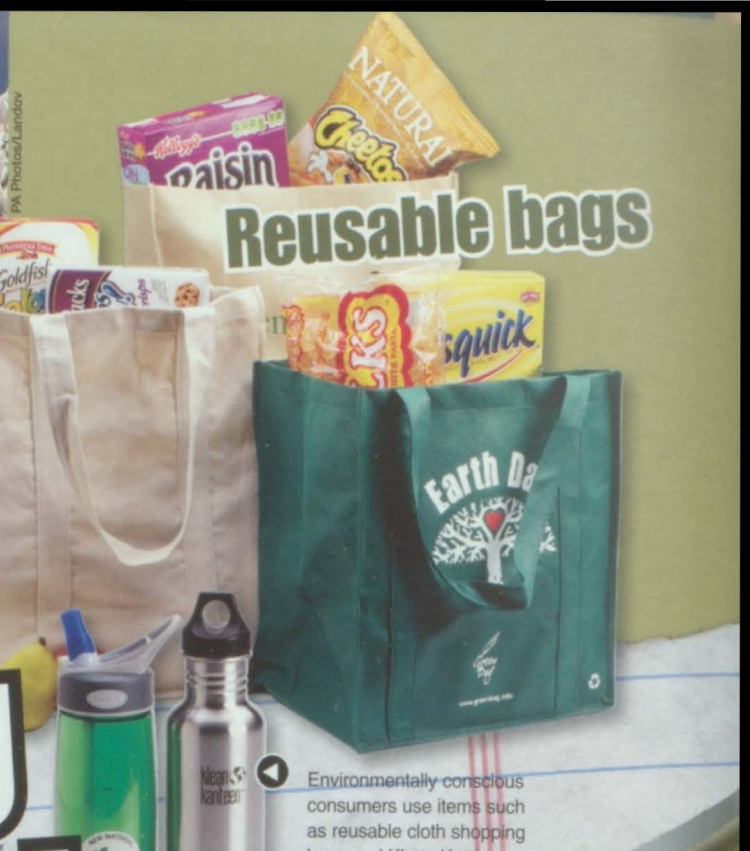
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In January 2009, after both engines fail due to ingesting birds, US Airways Flight 1549 ditches in New York's Hudson River. All 155 passengers and crew members are saved, thanks to the skill and courage of pilot Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger.

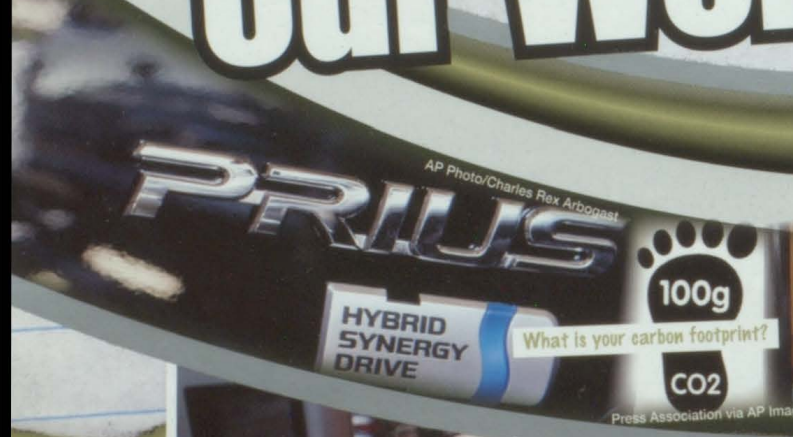
Changing our World





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Environmentally conscious consumers use items such as reusable cloth shopping bags and Klean Kanteen water bottles that don't leak harmful chemicals like BPA.



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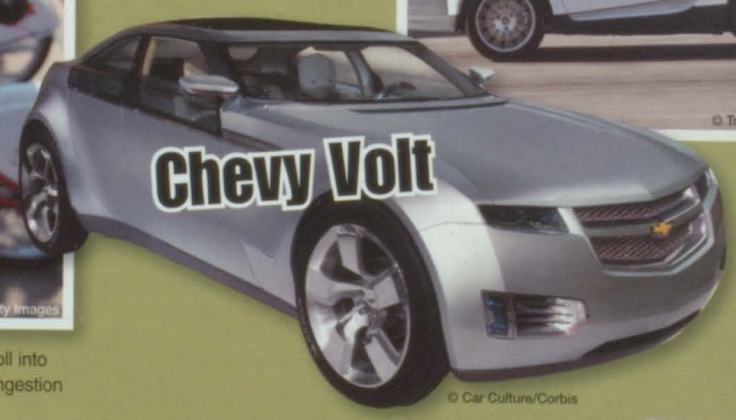
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Public bicycle sharing systems, already popular in Europe, roll into American cities like Washington, D.C., to help fight traffic congestion and reduce pollution.

Tight money and high gas prices push auto manufacturers to investigate super fuel-efficient and electric cars. The Chevrolet Volt is an early contender and the tiny "Smart" car is already on American roads.



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CLEAN ENERGY

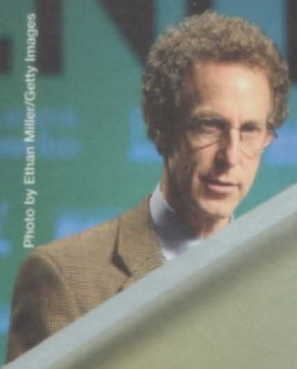


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In September, Google and General Electric partner to develop clean technologies. Modernizing the national electric grid to enable wider deployment of wind, solar and geothermal energy will be an early priority.



Environmentally friendly MacBooks

Courtesy of Apple, Inc.

Youth Volunteering



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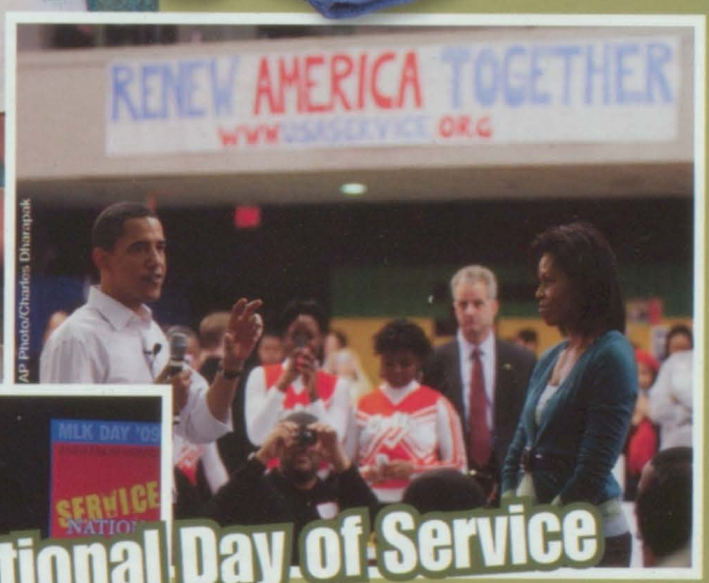
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Brad Pitt launches the "Make It Right" project to build 150 green-sensitive new homes in the New Orleans Lower 9th Ward, which was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Pitt contributes $5 million to the project.



The green cleaning movement gains momentum nationally as environmentally safe non-toxic cleaning products are used in many homes, as well as state and city institutions.



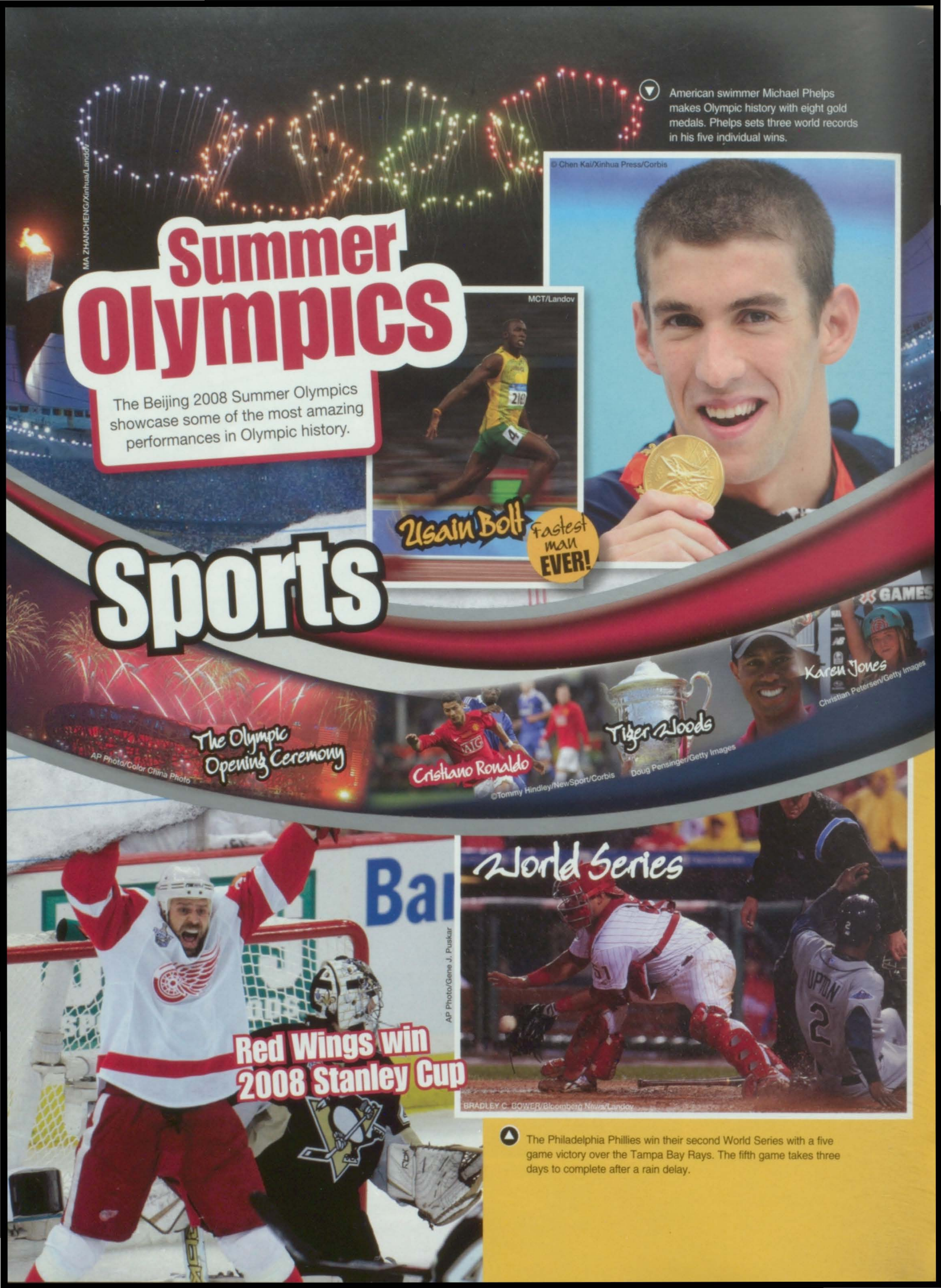
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National Day of Service

President-elect Obama asks all Americans to volunteer their time on the 2009 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, January 19, and to continue throughout the year. More than 12,000 service projects take place across the country.


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Summer Olympics
The Beijing 2008 Summer Olympics showcase some of the most amazing performances in Olympic history.
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Usain Bolt
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American swimmer Michael Phelps makes Olympic history with eight gold medals. Phelps sets three world records in his five individual wins.
Sports
The Olympic Opening Ceremony
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Red Wings win 2008 Stanley Cup
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World Series
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The Philadelphia Phillies win their second World Series with a five game victory over the Tampa Bay Rays. The fifth game takes three days to complete after a rain delay.

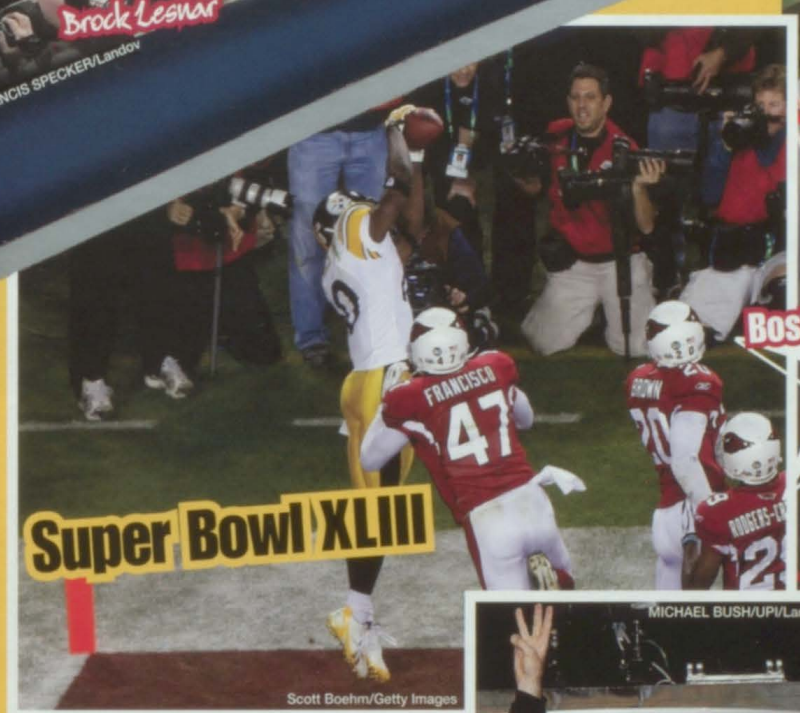


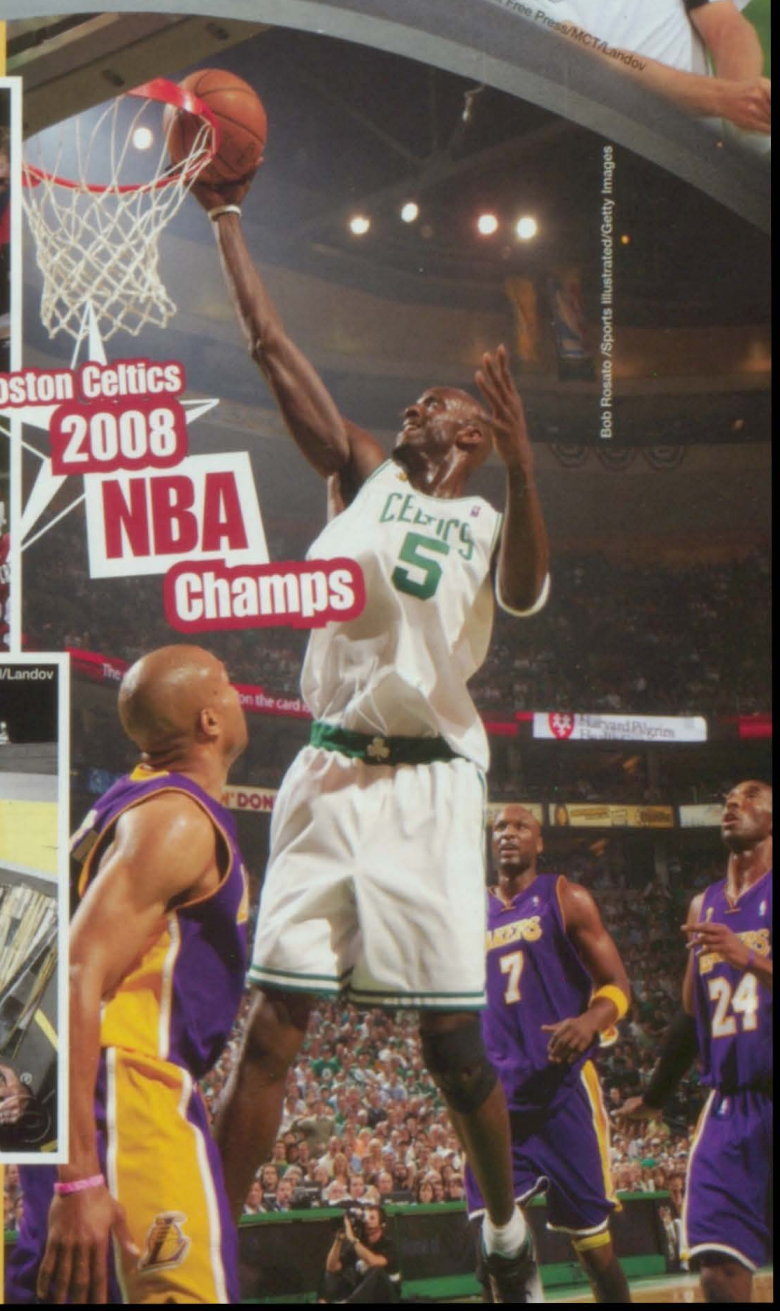
The Chinese gymnasts take the team title, but Americans Shawn Johnson (floor exercise) and Nastia Liukin (all-around) take individual gold medals for the U.S.

Gymnastics

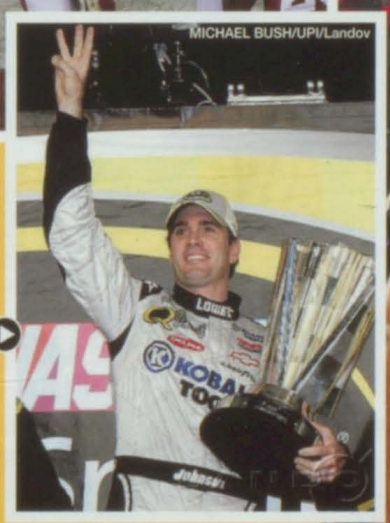








MVP Santonio Holmes makes a tip-toe catch in the corner of the end zone with 35 seconds remaining to lead the Pittsburgh Steelers past the Arizona Cardinals 27-23 in Super Bowl XLIII.



Jimmie Johnson captures the NASCAR Sprint Cup championship for the third straight year in his famous #48 Lowe's Chevrolet Impala SS.

Entertainment



Stephenie Meyer's runaway best-seller, *Twilight*, becomes a hit movie starring Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart as Edward and Bella.





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Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist

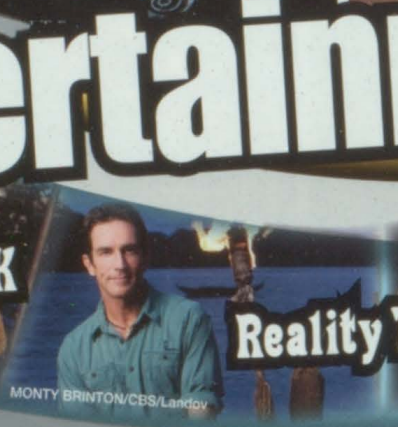
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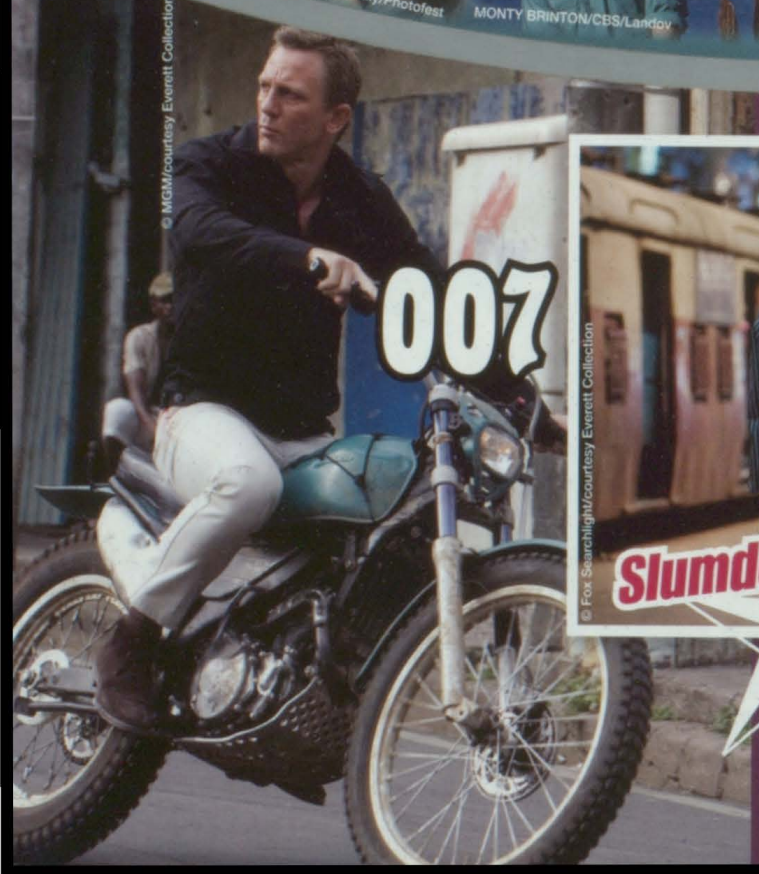
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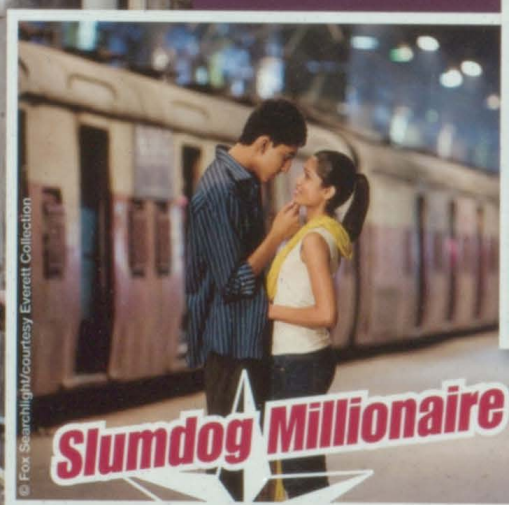
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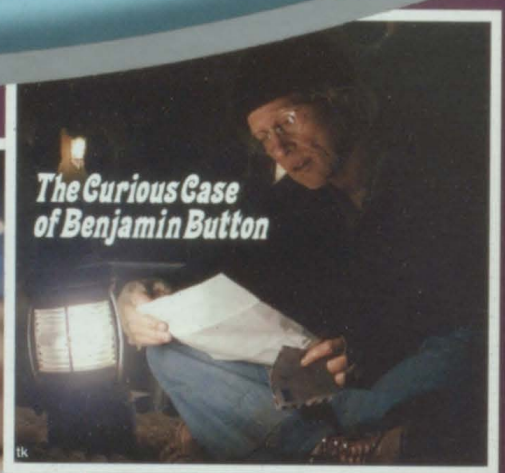


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Slumdog Millionaire



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Slumdog Millionaire, a surprise entry from India about teen life in Mumbai, and Brad Pitt's *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, about a man who ages backwards, monopolize Academy Award nominations with a combined total of 23.



MTV/Jeff Lipsky

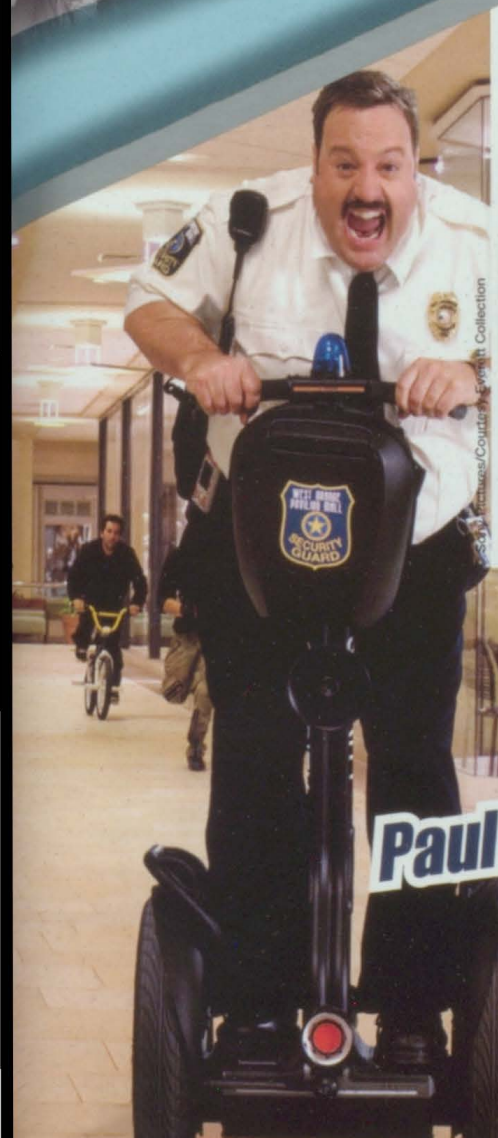
MTV spins off the reality show *The Hills*, following *Laguna Beach* star Lauren Conrad and her friends to Los Angeles.





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Australian Heath Ledger, in his last film role as the Joker in the Batman epic *The Dark Knight*, wins a posthumous Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actor in a Drama.

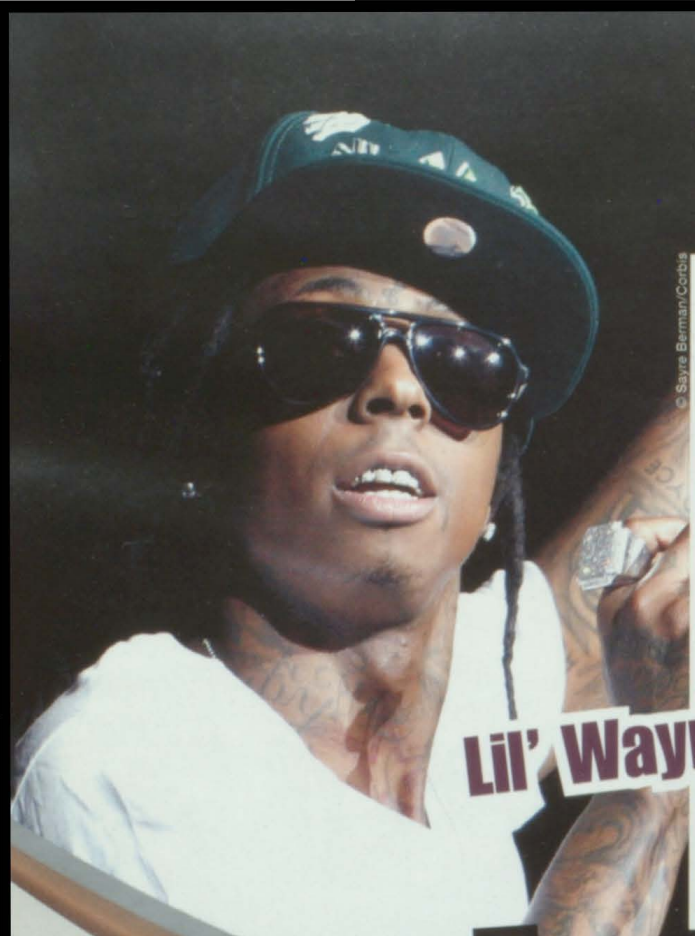
Paul Blart: Mall Cop



Bedtime Stories

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Music



Lil' Wayne

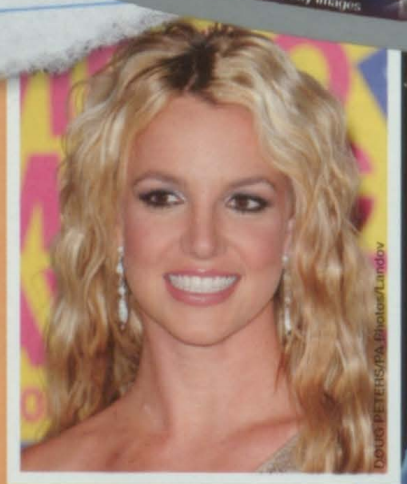
Rapper Lil' Wayne takes home four Grammies, including Rap Album of the Year for *Tha Carter III* and Best Rap Song.

MTV



Due to low ratings, MTV's flagship show *Total Request Live* shuts down in November after a 10-year run.





Britney Spears rebounds from years of personal challenges with her fifth No.1 album, *Circus*. She becomes the only act in Nielsen SoundScan history to have four albums that debute with 500,000 or more copies sold.



Ne-Yo

R&B singer/songwriter Ne-Yo brings out his third album, *Year of the Gentleman*, which debuts on the *Billboard* 200 at No. 2. The album garners six Grammy nominations.





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The video for Will.i.am's song "Yes We Can" garners more than 1.3 million hits on YouTube and becomes an anthem for young voters during the presidential campaign.



Classic Rock



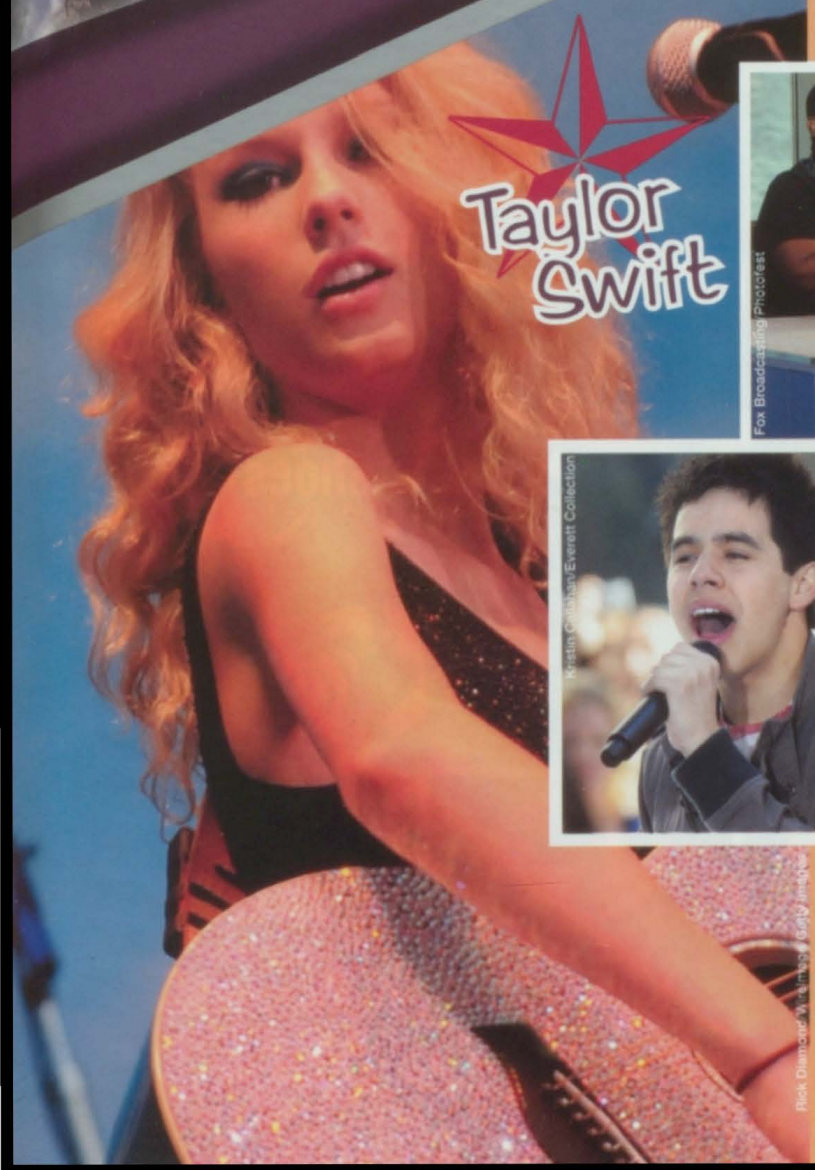
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Fox's *American Idol* adds a fourth judge to the popular show. Grammy-nonminated songwriter Kara DioGuardi joins regular panelists Randy Jackson, Paula Abdul and Simon Cowell.





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David vs. David



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Rocker David Cook, with 58 percent of the fan votes, beats balladeer David Archuleta in the 2008 finals of Fox's *American Idol*.

Lifestyle



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Texting becomes the new writing. Teens everywhere learn to double-thumb miniature keyboards and invent a new language of abbreviations and signs.



Social Networking

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Digital TV

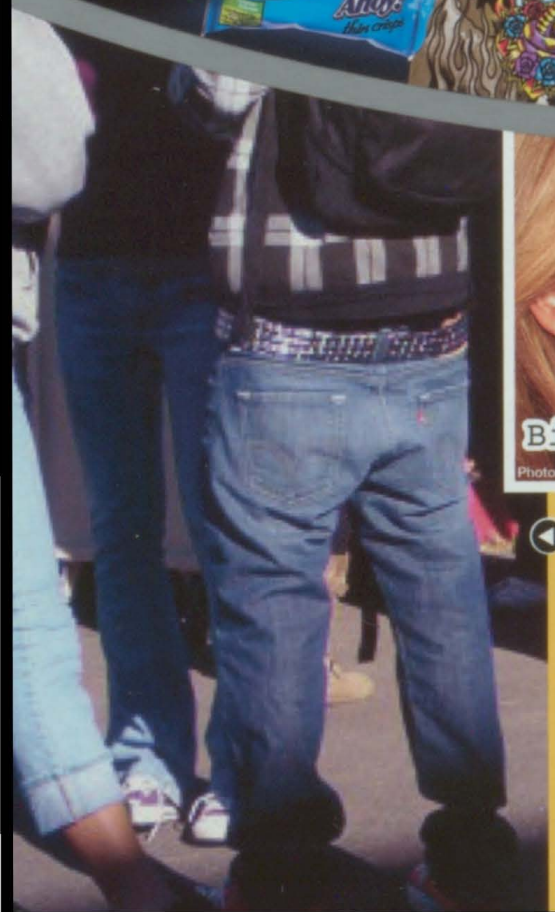
The nation converts to all-digital TV in 2009. The Department of Commerce offers government coupons to make the conversion more affordable.



Slippers to wear every day

Argyle & Plaid

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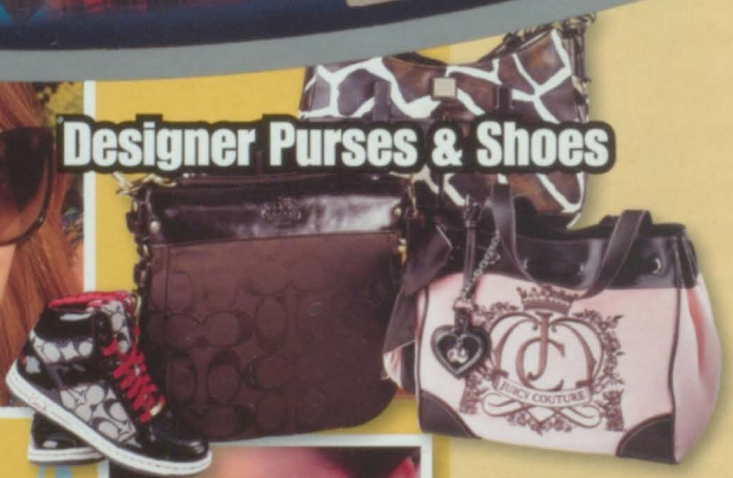




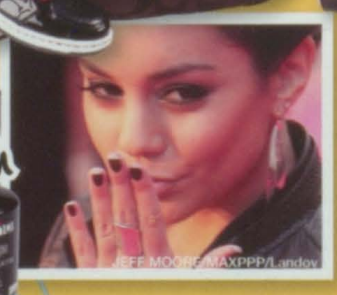
Big Sunglasses

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Designer Purses & Shoes



Top style trends this year include baggy pants, oversized sunglasses, designer purses, black nail polish and plaids.

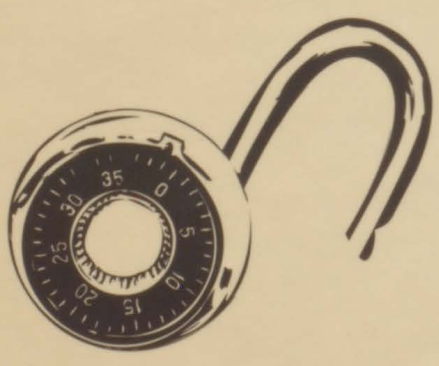


Black Nail Polish

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